FORTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

PRESENTED MAY 2, 1855.

WITH AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, THE REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES,
LIST OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, LIFE MEMBERS, ETC.

PHILADELPHIA:
PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.
INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCCVIII.
1855.

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LETTERS on the general objects of the Society, may be directed to Mr. JOSEPH H. DULLES, Corresponding Secretary.

Letters relative to the formation of Auxiliaries in the Counties west of the Mountains, should be directed to Rev. J. J. AIKIN, Pittsburg; and east of the Mountains, to Rev. IRVIN H. TORRENCE, Bible House, Philadelphia.

Remittances of money, and orders for Bibles and Testaments, may be made through either of the District Secretaries, or addressed to JAMES C. SCOTT,* Bible House, Philadelphia.

The Board of Managers meet on the second Thursday in every month, at the Bible House, at four o'clock P.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Society takes place on the first Wednesday in May.

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* Mr. WILFRED HALL, the former Depository Agent, is now entirely devoted to the business of the Philadelphia Bible Society; his Office is at the Bible House.

BIBLE CONVENTION

AT PITTSBURG, 1854.

The Delegates to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, met in Convention at Pittsburg, on Wednesday morning, the 14th June, 1854, in the Fifth Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Joseph H. Dulles, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, having stated the object of the Meeting, made the following nominations, which were concurred in by the Convention:

PRESIDENT.

JAMES BUCHANAN,
Of Pittsburg.

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SECRETARIES.

F. R. SELLERS, Pittsburg.
REV. JAMES W. DALE, Delaware County.

Mr. Buchanan, the Chairman, in a few words returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, and requested the sympathies of the meeting in his efforts in presiding.

After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Passavant, the Chair announced the Convention organized, and ready for the transaction of business.

The Rev. J. J. Aikin, Secretary of the Western District of the State, gave a brief relation of the operations of the Society

in Western Pennsylvania. He drew a contrast between the prospects of the Society, ten years ago and at the present time, most favorable to the latter period.

The speaker explained the system of colportage now in use in the above-named counties.

The Rev. Mr. Torrence, Secretary for the Eastern part of the State, gave an account of the progress of the cause in his District. He suggested the publication of a tract, entitled "A Plea for the Bible," to be distributed broadcast. The Bible Society is so universally popular that everybody thought of course it would be taken care of. The difficulty was, there was not enough responsibility felt.

Mr. Dulles moved that the roll of the counties be called, the delegates from each to give an account of the state of the cause in their respective counties, which was adopted.

Whereupon the delegates present, as their respective counties were called, gave a short statement of the organizations, the number of families visited, found destitute of, and supplied with Bibles, and the various amounts contributed to the State Society. The report showed a very favorable state of things throughout the State.

The reports were concluded about one o'clock.

A resolution of thanks to the Library Committee of Y. M. M. Library Association, for the offer of the free use of their books and room to the members of the Convention, was adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was engaged in discussing the subject of the most effective organization for the purposes of the Society, in which there was a general expression of opinion of the members upon different systems.

After some discussion, Mr. Dulles presented the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it is highly important that local Bible

Societies be organized in each county, or in such district as may be deemed proper; that the most thorough organization be effected in each such district, and that a specific agency be sustained for the prosecution of the work of supply and the collection of funds, with a view to permanency."

A very general discussion arose upon the resolution, which was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

"*Whereas*, It is desirable that information respecting the design and operations of the Bible Society should be generally diffused,

"*Resolved*, That the Pennsylvania Bible Society be requested to have prepared and to circulate a tract adapted to accomplish this object."*

The Rev. N. J. Keys, of Lancaster, offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Convention, it would be conducive to the interest of the Bible cause, if ecclesiastical organizations of different Christian communities, would commend the same to those churches in their connection, and request the pastors and ministers to commend the same to the patronage of the people, and to invite them to give the cause a liberal support, and that the said ecclesiastical organizations be respectfully requested to give attention to the subject."

Mr. Dulles offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Convention recommend that in each town in the State of Pennsylvania a depository for Bibles be established, and that the friends of the Bible are earnestly requested to combine their efforts in establishing and sustaining such a depository under such arrangements as the circumstances in each case will make proper."

After expressions of the gratification felt by the members with the proceedings of the Convention, and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mayer, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

* A pamphlet has been prepared in compliance with this resolution, entitled, "Bible Society, its Design and Operation," which will be supplied gratuitously, in any number, to auxiliaries and members.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT PITTSBURG.

The anniversary of this Society took place on the evening of 14th of June, in the Second Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburg, on which occasion a very large audience was present.

The President of the Society, Rev. P. F. Mayer, D.D., of Philadelphia, took the Chair.

The proceedings were commenced with prayer by the President, and a portion of the Scriptures was read by the Rev. Dr. Howard, of Pittsburg.

An eloquent address of welcome was made by the Rev. Dr. Black, on behalf of the Young Men's Bible Society of Pittsburg, which was responded to by the Chair.

Extracts from the Forty-Sixth Annual Report were then read by the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Dulles.

The Rev. Dr. Rodgers, of Philadelphia, offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That while the spiritual relations of the work of Bible distribution justly entitle it to the prayers and support of the Christian, its temporal relations also claim the favorable regard and hearty co-operation of American patriots."

He then proceeded to speak of the temporal relations of the Bible, as referred to in the resolution. The subject was treated in an eloquent and masterly manner by the reverend gentleman, and was listened to with the greatest attention by the large and intelligent audience present.

The Rev. Dr. Durbin, at the conclusion of Dr. Rodgers's remarks, was introduced by the Chair. His subject was the spiritual relations of the Bible, as referred to in the first part of the above resolution. With brilliant illustrations, and forcible appeals, the Christian orator sustained his position.

The exercises were concluded with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Riddle, of Pittsburg.

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THE lapse of another year in the existence of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, marked, as previous years have been, by continual and increasing prosperity, imposes upon your Board of Managers, in preparing their forty-seventh Annual Report, the duty of acknowledging first of all, with devout thankfulness, the gracious protection and favor of Almighty God.

We are permitted to feel that a new pledge of the permanency and future extended usefulness of this Institution is given to us, in the completion and occupancy of our "Bible House."

This chaste and beautiful structure, erected in a conspicuous and central position, is interesting in many points of view. In the first place, it is an appropriate, substantial, and convenient building—neither so elaborately finished as to suggest the imputation of extravagance, nor so rude or plain as to appear unsuitable to the dignity of the cause to which it is consecrated. It is substantial. It promises to be the abode and centre of this beneficent work of "holding forth the Word of Life," for many succeeding years. We feel that there is a great advantage gained in thus having a "local habitation"—setting up a pillar, alike commemorative of God's goodness, and attractive to the notice of the community. The work itself is of so permanent a character, the necessity for supplying the needy with the Bible so constantly recurring, that there seems a peculiar fitness in providing a determinate place, which shall be known and observed of all men as the centre of operations.

Hitherto, we have dwelt in tabernacles; and though accomplishing, through God's blessing, a great amount of good, yet scarce known or recognized by the multitude among whom our enterprise has been conducted, as one of the beneficent Institutions of this metropolis. Henceforth, we have a settled place to dwell in; and though not obtrusive, yet not reluctant to be observed, as a society whom God has blessed, and who propose to abide in his service through the generations to come.

Again, our House is a convenient structure. Built under the careful supervision of some of our most experienced and devoted managers, it is wisely adapted in all respects to the purposes of its erection. The business of the Institution will be conducted hereafter with greater facility, and will doubtless be considerably increased in amount. Our sales-room being now on a frequented thoroughfare, will be more generally resorted to by those who wish to purchase Bibles for their own use or for distribution, being furnished in great variety and at very low prices. On our shelves the Scriptures are to be found in more than two hundred different forms, in the various languages and dialects in which they are published by the American Bible Society, and other publishers.

Nothing has been more gratifying than the promptness and cheerfulness with which the necessary means have been furnished for the erection of this building. All has been given in subscriptions of one hundred dollars; and the list of donors, comprising the names of our most excellent and honorable citizens of various religious denominations, and in the divers pursuits of life, is a most interesting record of the esteem in which the Bible is held by those whose position, intelligence, and worth entitle and empower them to mould the sentiments of the community. Here is a certificate from the thoughtful and the affluent, that the circulation of the Word of God is a work for which permanent provision should be made; and that whatever importance men in various alliances, secular and ecclesiastical, attach to their several distinctive associations, they all unite in regarding the Bible as the common source of truth, and the bulwark of liberty, law, and morals.

Furthermore, we esteem the Bible House a significant monument of the fact, that Protestant Christians have one platform on which they can all meet, one enterprise in which they can all cordially enlist. The Church of Rome has made great and effective use of the variations of Protestantism; and it is doubtless matter of regret, and just occasion of reproach, that divisions are so rife among us. And yet we, too, can rejoice in a "centre of unity," indeed "infallible." Here is our monument, that in the source and elements of truth we are agreed; and that in the Bible we look to have all our errors corrected, our differences adjusted, and our hearts knit "in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace." This structure is a symbol of the spiritual temple, which the great Master-builder is rearing. The materials of which it is composed represent the sentiments, diverse and yet coincident, of those who furnished the means wherewith they were bought; and yet here they are cemented together, and composing one harmonious, and substantial building. As in the monument of the illustrious Washington, the stones are gathered from the ends of the earth, contributed by parties separated, and even at variance, on other subjects, yet united in reverence for him. As a memento of such concurrence among those who profess and call themselves Christians, this Bible House is not only an ornament, but a blessing to the city in the midst of which it is reared.

Not to dwell longer upon the benefits likely to accrue to this Institution from its establishment in its own fixed locality, we close this portion of our report, congratulating the friends of the cause upon so auspicious an event; and invoking their grateful acknowledgments, not only to God who has crowned the work with success, but to the donors whose free-will offerings have supplied the means, and to the building committee who have superintended the whole with constancy, fidelity, and good judgment.*

In looking over our immediate sphere of operations—the State of Pennsylvania—we observe nothing specially worthy of notice in this report (beyond what will be found in the statis-

* The entire cost of this building, and ground, has been a little less than $16,000.

tical record of our proceedings), unless it be the immense rapidity with which our population is increasing, and is likely to increase, by the extension of railroads through every section of the Commonwealth. Who can estimate the importance of meeting this influx of moral power—this coming throng of immortal souls, with that Light of Life which shall consecrate their influence for our common good, and make them also "wise unto salvation." And the appeal comes with equal force to those who would conserve, and improve the standard of public morals, and to those who would save "souls from death," to be prompt and liberal in furnishing the means for a generous distribution of the Book of God. Let the new avenues of travel be first freighted with copies of the sacred volume, that they who come to settle along their borders may be supplied at their advent, with the chart of life, and the guide-book to eternity.

The local societies throughout the State have manifested their usual interest in the good work in their respective districts. Several counties have been thoroughly explored and supplied, and others are now being explored. The reports of the local societies, and of the secretaries of the Eastern and Western districts, will afford a more detailed view of the state of feeling, and course of action, respecting the Bible cause in every part of the Commonwealth; and will show how abundant have been their labors in stimulating and concerting, and assisting the efforts of others.

Books issued during the year from the Depository: 19,446 Bibles, and 42,600 Testaments, making a total of 62,046; being an increase over the former year of 1799, and a total circulation, since the formation of the Society, of 1,047,338 Bibles and Testaments.

The total number issued since 1840:

Reported May,	1841,	23,090
" "	1842,	28,143
" "	1843,	22,788
" "	1844,	43,991
" "	1845,	39,414
" "	1846,	34,133
" "	1847,	55,277

Reported May,	1848,	64,284
"	" 1849,	53,876
"	" 1850,	62,011
"	" 1851,	58,583
"	" 1852,	65,373
"	" 1853,	68,889
"	" 1854,	60,247
"	" 1855,	62,046

By reference to the Treasurer's Report, the receipts of the Society from all sources for the year, will be seen to have been (including $3005 32 balance from last year) $32,725 23.

The aspects of the foreign world were never more inexplicable, than at the present hour. What is to be the issue of the strife, in which the chief of the nations are engaged, no statesman or philanthropist can divine. This only may be confidently predicted, that, in any event, the regions in which Mahomedanism is supreme, will ere long be opened to the introduction of Christian truth, through the Holy Book, and by the living ministry, as never before. In regard to other countries involved in the conflict, we have warrant only for this speculation,—that the tendencies of the world are to a higher civilization, and a more extended constitutional liberty; and in the fellowship of these comes always a larger demand for the general distribution of the Word of God. It is not, therefore, to be apprehended, that in this latter half of the nineteenth century, despotism will effectually triumph, strengthen its foundations, and extend its sway. The King of kings will overrule this convulsion of the old world, for the promotion of those social blessings for which millions have had their longings stimulated by the report of our prosperity, and have been training themselves in the light of our example. In this anticipation, what can we look for with more confidence, than that a door, great and effectual, will be suddenly and perhaps soon opened, for a free dissemination of the Holy Bible on the continent of Europe, and throughout the dominions of the Sultan. Let the Christians of America be prepared to respond, when such a call from the voice of Providence shall summon them to scatter the good seed over the prepared and open field.

EXTRACTS

FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

ADAMS COUNTY.

BIBLE SOCIETY OF THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

Synopsis of the Reports of the Secretary and Exploration Committee.

"The thing which has most engaged the attention of this association during the past year, is the exploration and supply of Adams County.

"The Board of Managers had hoped to see the work completed before the close of the Bible Society year; but, owing mainly to a difficulty in keeping up an adequate supply of books, and the unfavorableness of the weather, it is not yet done. However, very gratifying progress has been made, so that only about one-third of the ground remains to be visited.

"The present is the *fourth* exploration of the county since the rise of the Seminary here, and the second in which the Ladies' Society of Gettysburg have co-operated with us.

"We subjoin a condensed statement of progress, with the hope that by the Divine blessing, during the present spring, our humble efforts in this laudable enterprise may be crowned with success.

"During a recess in the hot weather of last summer, twelve days of gratuitous labor were performed by several of the theological students in Hamiltonban township; in which time 187 families were visited,—17 of them being destitute,—60 Bibles and 60 Testaments sold and granted, and $4 67 received as donations from friends of the cause. The donations were mostly in small sums; but given very often with that spirit which brings God's blessing upon the giver.

"In the fall vacation one hundred and eleven days were spent in the Society's service by seven students, who acted as paid agents. During the winter very little was done. At the close of operations last autumn, there were explored eleven of the twenty-one townships, together with definite portions of all the rest, except Conowago, Freedom, and Liberty.

"2401 families were visited, 130 of which were destitute. 916 volume

were distributed,—viz.: 570 Bibles and 346 New Testaments,—of these, about 60 of each were in the German language.

"The sales amounted to $304 37; which, with $106 34 in donations, made the gross receipts in all $410 71. The half of this sum has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Female Bible Society.

"As illustrations of the nature and necessity of our work, and of the blessedness of engaging in it, we beg leave to present the substance of a few paragraphs from the reports of several of the brethren engaged as distributors.

"One who labored with success in the northeast part of the county, says: 'I found a pleasure in endeavoring to spread the Word of Life, although in some families I was not very kindly received, and often felt wearied and discouraged.

"'The people are becoming more and more enlightened in reference to the Bible cause; and it is hoped that, ere long, the prejudices which in some parts exist will all be laid aside, so that the Bible agent will be welcomed and encouraged as he goes about, carrying the sacred volume to the doors of rich and poor, and receiving gifts in aid of the Society that has made Bibles so cheap, that every one can have a copy in his own hands.'

"Another says: 'I visited a family where no entire copy of the Bible was to be found, only two copies of the New Testament, which one of the daughters, nearly grown, had obtained for herself and her brother, by her diligence in Sabbath school.

"'I called at the house of a colored family. The mother was at home—she thought she could not buy a Bible; but, on looking, she found money enough to pay for one, which she did, exclaiming, "Thank the Lord!" and assuring me of her gratitude for having called upon her; for she had long wished to have a Bible, and I suppose had no opportunity of getting the precious treasure.'

"Says one: 'In my field, many told me that they would not give anything towards supplying the destitute in our own country, for they thought everybody who wanted a Bible could purchase one. Accordingly, most of my donations were given for sending the gospel to heathen lands.

"'Notwithstanding the misapprehension thus manifested, my heart was often touched by the remarks that were made in regard to the value of the Holy Scriptures. Sometimes, however, my feelings were wounded by the doubts expressed by individuals, as to whether the money I was collecting would be devoted to the proper purpose.

"'Great care is requisite in some sections in order to gain the confidence of the people, and remove their suspicions; for even many good persons seem really to believe that our work is all a money-making business.'

"At the late annual meeting of the Society, the Treasurer was directed to forward to the Parent Society $40, in addition to the $18 sent last fall, to

complete the Life-Membership of Rev. Dr. Morris. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:

"President, Professor Stoever; Vice-Presidents, B. C. Suesserott, E. Unangst, P. Bergstresser; Recording Secretary, L. H. Croll; Corresponding Secretary, L. J. Bell; Treasurer, T. W. Dosh.

"Managers—L. Hippee, J. Wampole, E. Belfour, J. Zimmerman, G. H. Beekley, A. Long, S. A. Holman, J. A. Kunkleman, H. W. Kuhns, G. A. Long, A. Hoy, and E. B. Kramlich.

"The Annual Address for 1855 was delivered on Sabbath evening, the 15th of April, by the Rev. G. F. Krotel, of Lancaster."

GETTYSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"Our Anniversary Exercises were held in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath evening, November 12th, 1854. After prayer by the Rev. D. Wilson, the regular sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Professor Jacobs, and the concluding prayer was made by the Rev. R. Johnston.

"The Annual Meeting took place on the Tuesday evening following, when the old officers were re-elected, and a new Executive Committee appointed.

"The county has not yet been entirely explored—one-third remains to be visited. Out of 2400 families, 130 were found destitute of the Word of God, and 916 Bibles and Testaments have been sold and given gratuitously. For a full account of what has been done, we refer you to the Young Men's Bible Society of the College and Seminary.

1854.	DR.	
April.	To Balance in hands of Treasurer at last Report, - -	$ 5 78
	Received from sale of Books and Collections, - - -	286 34
	Collection in Presbyterian Church, - -	6 31½
		$298 44
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1854–55.	By Amount paid Penna. Society and Freight, - -	$297 68
	Balance in hand, - - - - - - - -	76
		$298 44

"Mrs. S. E. Fahnestock, Treasurer."

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

ALLEGHENY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"This year has been unfavorable to the successful prosecution of the *cause of the Bible* everywhere. Pecuniary difficulties and embarrassments have

prevented very many from doing anything at all for our cause, and also have lessened, very materially, the contributions of others. We will not be able, therefore, to aid the parent society to the extent of our desire; yet it seems to us strange that there should be this diminution of liberality in this enterprise. The object we seek to accomplish is certainly one of the noblest that can engage our attention. We propose to circulate the Scriptures among the destitute at home, and to aid in their circulation throughout the world. How honorable and glorious is this work! Our aim is the salvation of ruined men. Who would not toil for its consummation? Pecuniary difficulties should but animate us to more energetic efforts. Never till the principles of the Bible control all the interests and relations of men, will universal prosperity prevail. Our best social interests, as well as the glory of God, imperatively demand a more extended circulation of the Scriptures.

"The report of the treasurer, herewith submitted, shows the financial condition of the society:—

"There has been paid into the treasury during the year, from the sale of books and from contributions, the sum of $821 50; and there has been paid as a donation to the parent society, the sum of $703 94. This includes $30, paid through our Society, by Rev. J. J. Aikin, to constitute a life-member to the American Bible Society; also, $30, by him, to constitute a life-member to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

"We commend to those who are about to take our place, the interests of this great cause so dear to our hearts, and we pray that the God of the Bible may strengthen them to take part in the mighty work yet to be accomplished through the agency of the Word of God.*

"W. H. Eaton,
"Secretary.

"Allegheny, March 19, 1855."

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE SOCIETY OF PITTSBURG.

"Pittsburg, April 19, 1855.

"To the Managers of the Pennsylvania Bible Society:

"Gentlemen—At your request, I forward you a condensed statement of the operations of the Young Men's Bible Society of Pittsburg for the year 1854.

"It has pleased God in his wisdom, to remove from us one of our most efficient and useful members, and, at the time, President of our society, James W. Buchanan, Esq.; but while we lament his loss, and deeply sympathize with his family and friends, we submit meekly to the will of Providence, and feel assured that our loss is his infinite gain.

"There were elected managers, at our last anniversary, representatives

* The following persons were elected officers: Rev. Dr. Jacobus, President; W. H. Eaton, Secretary; Wm. M. Bell, Treasurer.

from twenty-nine churches, of twelve different denominations—two from each church, making a Board of fifty-eight members.

"Like most of the cities of our Union, we have been afflicted by the hand of an All-wise Providence, have suffered from an almost unparalleled derangement in our financial and commercial affairs, and an almost entire failure of all the productions of the farmer. But notwithstanding all these difficulties we have succeeded in accomplishing a good work, as will be seen by the accompanying report.

"We have had in our employ, during the year, two regular agents. Mr. A. P. Thompson, the general agent, who has been chiefly engaged, for several years past, as colporter, in making explorations in the various townships of Allegheny County, supplying the destitute, by sale and donation, and in collecting and procuring subscriptions from the various churches and friends of the Bible cause. The result of his labor is as follows:—

"Total amount of subscriptions and collections for the county, $1282 75; aggregate number of families visited during the year, 2861; of those found destitute of the Bible, 234; number of Bibles and Testaments donated, 255; number of Bibles and Testaments sold, 695; value of Bibles and Testaments sold, $225 89; value of Bibles and Testaments donated, $88 88; amount of subscriptions paid in cash, $881.

"Mr. Gabriel Barr, our agent to explore portions of the city and its vicinity, reports:

"Whole number of families visited, 8448; of these found destitute of the Bible, 2881; refusing to receive it, 2003; Bibles and Testaments sold, 294; Bibles and Testaments donated, 852; value of Bibles and Testaments sold, $136 21; value of Bibles and Testaments donated, $256 60.

"This agent visits mostly among Catholic families, which will account for so large a number refusing to receive the Bible.

"Amount of collections and subscriptions reported by General Agent for the city, $1337 75; for the county, as above, $1282 75. Total, $2620 50.

"The aggregate labor of the above agents show a total of 11,309 families visited; 3115 destitute of the Bible; 969 Bibles and Testaments sold; 1107 donated; $382 20 received for books sold, and in collections and subscriptions, $2620 50.

"At the Society's Depository, No. 29 Fifth Street, there has been sold 995 volumes, amounting to $179. There has been donated, by order of the Board and of individual managers, from the Depository, 460 volumes. Of this number, a committee from the Board visiting the Penitentiary, donated 18 volumes; a similar committee visiting County Jail, 31 volumes; and the accredited agent of the Bethel cause, 104 volumes; and on steamboats, 47 volumes.

"The total number of Bibles and Testaments distributed by sale and donation, as appears from Librarian's report, is 3574.

"By the subscriptions of the year there has been added to the society about 150 life-members; and, notwithstanding the embarrassments under which we have had to labor, the Board cannot but feel grateful that God has smiled, with continued favor, upon the efforts of our society; and although as much has not been done as might have been expected at the opening of the year, yet, by comparison with results of former years, the labors of the year just closed will not suffer; and we enter upon the new year with strong hope of abundant success. We trust we shall be able to give, as formerly, at least $1000 per year as donation.

"I am, dear sirs,

"Yours respectfully and truly,

"E. S. WARD,

"Cor. Secretary."

THE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF PITTSBURG.

"The annual meeting of the Female Bible Society of Pittsburg and Vicinity, was held on Tuesday the 2d inst. Rev. Dr. Herron in the chair. The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read. They are as follows:

REPORT.

"The managers of the Female Bible Society of Pittsburg and Vicinity, present to its patrons and the public, the result of the labors of another year.

"The business of the Society has been conducted in the usual manner, though perhaps characterized by more effort than in former years.

"The peculiar trials of the season, agricultural, commercial, and financial, have sensibly and often deplorably affected every class of the community. The interests of the Bible Society have suffered with others. Under ordinary circumstances we would have been enabled to report an increase over our last year's subscription, but as it is, the amount is less than usual. If we have given less, however, we trust we have been led by God's afflictive dispensations to pray more, and we are taught in his word to believe that prayer is as effective in the great work of salvation as giving. Our most munificent gifts unaccompanied by his blessing can do no good. Potent with Him who loves the cheerful giver, was the widow's mite cast into the Lord's treasury with faith and prayer.

"The necessity and usefulness of such an organization as ours can be perceived, not only in the scene of its immediate effort, where its collections are made and its meetings held, but also in its intimate relations with the Parent Society. Glancing at the grand achievements of the American Bible Society we see immense sums collected, and printing operations conducted on a scale of such magnitude that hundreds of thousands of Bibles are yearly produced and distributed in their respective languages among different

nations of the earth. These results are produced by the unostentatious and unpretending labors of societies such as ours. Each one of these auxiliaries may be aptly compared to one of those thousand streams and rivulets flowing from the springs in the mountains, sparkling through pleasant valleys, and at last in a common union forming the deep majestic river; itself a blessing to many lands, enriching their broad acres and bearing their wealth to less favored climes. As the farmer in the distant Missouri garners his grain, he may readily imagine that its destiny is to rescue from starvation the suffering poor of a foreign land. So may each lady look upon the dollar she deposits in our treasury and think that it will put a Bible into the hands of some swarthy Hindoo, and call him from his idols to the altar of the true God; or may be, supply Testaments to some struggling Sabbath School in the West; or awaken celestial light in some mind which superstition has kept clouded in darkness; or furnish a new book, in fair type, free of expense, to some child of penury, whose tattered Bible has been worn out by use; supply a destitute family; or place a volume of God's word in some public place where, though many may pass it by unheeded, some may read, believe, and live forever.

"God works by means, and never ceases working. Activity and energy characterize Him, not only in the kingdom of nature, but in the kingdom of grace. So we are urged to go on laboring and praying for the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures, and the hastening of the establishment of Messiah's reign upon the earth.

"We are pained to record the death of Mrs. Marion Young, a woman of devoted piety and ardent attachment to this society. Full of years and full of faith, the angel of death gently loosed the cords which bound her to the earth.

"'Her weary, waiting spirit, long
Had plumed its wings for upward flight,
And now she sings the conqueror's song,
Amid the throng of saints in light.'

"Miss Bushnell, also, one of our youthful members, has been cut down by 'death's untimely frost.' In the morning she was buoyant with hope, health and happiness, the pride and ornament of her father's home, the treasure of a large circle of friends, and ere the meridian sun shone upon the earth, the breath of the pestilence had passed over and her spirit had departed.

"'What though she lies in the lonely tomb,
And wintry winds are sweeping o'er;
The grave has lost its deepest gloom,
For Christ the Lord lay there before.'

"Mrs. Young held the office of Librarian, and till shortly before her departure supplied any demands which were made on the Society for Bibles. The principal part of our funds has, however, been paid into the Pennsylvania Bible Society, according to our usual custom.

"M. B. M'Laren, Secretary."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. B. Phillips in account with Female Bible Society of Pittsburg and Vicinity, Jan. 2d, 1855.

1854. DR.

March 26.	To collection in Third Presbyterian Church, Annual Sermon, - - - - - - -	$41 79
Sept. 29.	To Life Membership by A. B. P., - - -	30 00
	To Subscriptions and Donations, - - -	401 65
		$473 44

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March 28.	By cash deposited with J. J. Aikin, - - -	$41 75
May 14.	" " " J. J. Aikin, - - -	113 53
July 14.	" " " J. J. Aikin, - - -	32 25
Sept. 7.	" " " J. J. Aikin, - - -	51 25
Nov. 8.	" " " Kramer & Rahm, - -	61 15
Nov. 16.	" " " Kramer & Rahm, - -	30 00
Dec. 6.	" " " Kramer & Rahm, - -	91 26
Dec. 8.	" paid for Bibles, - - - -	7 28
"	" bad money, - - - - -	7 00
Dec. 29.	" deposited with Kramer & Rahm, - -	37 97
		$473 44

The above reports were unanimously adopted, and the election of officers, of which the following is a list, then took place:

"President, Mrs. Denny; Vice-President, Mrs. M'Cracken; Treasurer, Mrs. Phillips; Secretary, Mrs. M'Laren.

"Managers:—Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Alex. Laughlin, Mrs. John Laughlin, Mrs. H. B. Rea, Mrs. W. Semple, Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. Dr. Brooks, Mrs. Geo. Breed, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. W. Thaw, Mrs. C. Rowan, Mrs. M'Elroy, Mrs. M'Gahen, Mrs. I. Greer, Mrs. Lightner, Mrs. S. Mowrie, Mrs. A. Chambers, Mrs. Geo. Duncan, Mrs. H. Sterling, Mrs. U. Bakewell, Mrs. M. Mathews, Mrs. Rev. J. Brown, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Brise, Miss Thaw, Miss Speer, Miss Trainor, Miss Hare, Miss E. A. Laughlin, Miss Caskey, Miss Fahnestock, Miss Geddes, Miss Higby, Miss Ralston, Miss Elsworth, Miss Loy, Miss C. Totten.

"The meeting then adjourned, with prayer by the venerable chairman."

BEAVER COUNTY.

Nothing has been done in this county the past year. The county needs an exploration and re-supply, not having been supplied since 1847. This we hope to accomplish the present Biblical year. We intended to have had it supplied the past year, but the peculiarly embarrassing state of the times has prevented us from so doing.

BLAIR COUNTY.

ALTOONA AND VICINITY BIBLE SOCIETY

"Was organized in the Presbyterian Church, after an Address from the Rev. Mr. Torrence, Secretary of the Parent Society.

"Our citizens entered into the matter with the zeal and interest demanded by the object; and a unanimous determination was expressed (with the help of God), that every family in Altoona and vicinity should be visited, and the destitute supplied with the precious Word of Life. 'The Altoona and Vicinity Bible Society' was established, a Constitution adopted, Officers for the year elected, Committees appointed, and the work commenced.

"The Ladies of the Society (to whom we owe our success principally) districted the neighborhood, and proceeded to visit each and every family in their several districts. They reported about 350 families visited, and supplied all who were destitute with Bibles, and collected over $150. The several Committees report, they were kindly received by all the Protestant families and most of the Roman Catholic, but in some instances were told 'the *Priest* had forbidden them to receive them.' Almost universally there were expressions of thankfulness for the attention of the Committees, and the Book of Books apparently appreciated.

"We give the following as near the result of our labors so far—

	Bibles.	Test'ts.
Supplied the several Hotels and Boarding-houses with	173	
Distributed to private families and individuals, - -	73	38
Sold at the Depository, - - - - - - -	42	45
	288	83

"Officers:—President, Charles Lombaert; Vice-Presidents, William Bell, John Hamilton, John Shoemaker; Secretary, Rev. Henry Baker; Treasurer, Thomas Burchinde; Depository Keeper, G. W. Kepler.

"Board of Managers—who are the Committees—Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. H. J. Lombaert, Mrs. Taggard, Mrs. Larcombe, Mrs. Hileman, Mrs. Bottenberger, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Baker, Miss Fanny J. Lombaert, Miss Maria Shoemaker, Mrs. R. H. McCormick, and Mrs. McConnell.

"C. Lombaert, President.

"Henry Baker, Secretary."

BRADFORD COUNTY.

We have received from this county, the past year, our Bible account (including $56 from the Troy depository, per hand of Seth Payne), $91 30. Some books have been sent to this county during the year, and partial explorations made. It is hoped the entire county will be canvassed the present year.

BUTLER COUNTY.

"Butler, April 24, 1855.

"To the Pennsylvania Bible Society:—

"In behalf of the Butler County Bible Society I have only to say, that owing to various causes it was deemed best by the Managers that no special effort should be made during the last year; and it is doubtful whether they will see their way clear for some time to come, to re-explore the county.

"We still keep up an organization, with the officers as reported last year. And it is hoped that the interest felt in circulating God's blessed word is not diminished.

"Yours respectfully,

"William Campbell."

CAMBRIA COUNTY.

EBENSBURG BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society met December 25th, 1854, in the Congregational Church. The meeting was opened by reading and prayer by Rev. H. R. Powell. The annual report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. H. Roberts in account with the Ebensburg Bible Society.

1854. DR.

To amount received from Collections,	$76 20
" " R. R. Edwards,	71 77
" " Sale of Books,	32 71
	$180 68

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By amount paid Pennsylvania Bible Society,	$160 00
" " Freight and postage,	11 16
balance due treasurer at last settlement,	1 19
amount of cash in hand,	8 33
	$180 68

"The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

"President, Isaac Evans; Vice-President, Daniel O. Evans; Secretary, Evan R. Morgan; Treasurer, D. H. Roberts.

"Committee:—Rev. R. S. Morton, Rev. H. R. Powell, Rev. John Williams, Mr. Wm. G. Williams, Mr. Daniel J. Jones.

"The meeting closed by prayer by Mr. Morris W. Jones.

"Committee met on the evening of 27th April, and after due consideration of the scarcity of money, delayed the collection of this year until fall, perhaps in the month of October.

"EVAN R. MORGAN, Secretary."

JOHNSTOWN AND VICINITY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Johnstown and Vicinity Bible Society was reorganized November 8th, 1854, by the election of the following officers:

"President, Henry Kratzer; Vice-Presidents, Alexander Marbourg and Robert H. Canan; Secretary and Treasurer, W. C. Lewis.

"The following is a condensed statement of the result of our labors:

No. of families visited,	1004
" found destitute,	229
" supplied by sale or donation,	120
" left destitute (being Roman Catholics, who would not receive the Bible,)	109
Total amount received on sale of books and donations,	$182 11
Amount paid Rev. J. J. Aikin, agent,	71 00
" " Colporter for services,	85 90

"Johnstown, April 18th, 1855.

"GENTLEMEN,—I received a letter from Rev. J. J. Aikin, written at Pittsburg on the 2d instant, requesting me to make out a report of the doings of Johnstown and Vicinity Bible Society, and forward to Pennsylvania Bible Society, by the 20th. Mr. Aikin mentioned in his letter the items of information he desired, but at present I am unprepared to furnish a full report. The most of what I give above is from the report of the person employed by the Society, to travel through this part of the county; the report was received since our reorganization, but the visitation and distribution was mostly done prior to that time. The operation of the Society since our reorganization has been confined to Johnstown and the Vicinity, for which purpose there has been committees of ladies appointed to canvass the town, sell books, and solicit donations; they have not yet reported, and I have no means of ascertaining the number of books sold by them; they have paid over about $30, in part of amount received from sales and donations, which is included above.

"The number of families visited as stated above, was by the person employed to travel through the county; the number visited by the committee of ladies, will I think amount to fully as many as the above. If these statements will be of any service to the Society, they are cheerfully given.

"I remain yours respectfully,

"W. C. Lewis, Secretary."

CHESTER COUNTY.

"The West Chester Female Bible Society held its first anniversary meeting in the Presbyterian church January 9th, 1855, James Atwood, Esq., president. The exercises were opened with singing and prayer. After which appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Torrence, Rev. Mr. Karsner, Rev. Mr. Lowry. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

"President, Mrs. A. Lowry; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. F. Moore, Mrs. L. Karsner, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Newton; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Worrell; Secretary, H. E. Ingram.

"The Treasurer reported $229 19 received by contribution, and for the sale of books. Paid the Pennsylvania Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments, $146 48. For life-memberships, $60 00. On account, $9 32. We also purchased a very neat and pretty book-case, for which we paid $12 00. Amount remaining in the treasury, $1 39. Purchased during the year from the Pennsylvania Bible Society, 330 volumes; sold 171 volumes; distributed 104 volumes; remaining in the depository, 55 volumes. Previously to the formation of the West Chester Bible Society, 45 volumes were distributed among the persons in our county jail.

"The work of Bible distribution has not been without its interesting incidents. A very aged lady living in destitute circumstances and without a Bible, that she could see to read, on being presented with one of large print burst into a flood of tears, saying that she had been praying for a long time for the Lord to send her a Bible that she could read, but she did not think that He would ever put it into the heart of any one to bring it to her.

"A young girl eighteen years of age, born in this country and raised in Chester County, was presented with a Bible. She had never owned nor read one, and was delighted with the thought of possessing one. On being presented with the volume, she innocently inquired whether all Bibles were alike, or whether the different denominations had not different Bibles of their own. This young girl is known now to be a Bible reader.

"A number of Roman Catholics have been found willing to receive the Bible, with an express determination to read.

"Harriett E. Ingram, Secretary."

CLARION COUNTY.

Nothing has been done in this county the past year. A resupply was commenced more than two years since, but has never been completed. We trust ere long to see the county thoroughly supplied.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

BLOOMSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The ladies of the Bloomsburg Female Bible Society, in submitting to the public a report of the proceedings of the Society during the past year, would mention for the satisfaction principally of those interested in the spread of the Gospel, but who have not had the privilege of contributing to the work, which they are endeavoring to carry on, that their object, according to the second article in their Constitution, is, the circulation of the Scriptures without note or comment in our own and foreign lands. That this is a laudable object, and one worthy of encouragement, who that has seen or felt the blessed influence of God's holy word can deny?

"This Society, an auxiliary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, through whose instrumentality so much good has been effected, has disposed, during the year past in Bloomsburg and its immediate vicinity, of 206 Testaments, and 123 Bibles, amounting to $82 25.

"In addition to this, there was received in donations $17 46; but one or two families too poor to buy one, were found destitute of a Bible, and many, where it was least expected, gave their mite towards advancing the cause—so often is it found that the poor in this world's goods are more ready to give than the rich.

"That yet more may be done towards advancing this good cause during the present year, is the earnest prayer of all interested in it."

BERWICK FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"This Society was organized on Sunday evening, July 2d, 1854, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Berwick: Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary for Eastern Pennsylvania, delivered an address, explaining the object of the Bible Society; after which Mr. Jesse Bowman was called to the chair, and Rev. Mr. Newton chosen Secretary. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and Officers and Managers elected: the services were closed with prayer, by Rev. J. Moorhead.

"On Monday the Society met, and appointed Committees to visit the town and vicinity. An order made out for books, to supply the depository. Mrs. S. F. Headley, was chosen President; Mrs. Rev. Newton, Secretary; and

Mrs. Amanda Bowman, Treasurer. The town was visited, and but few persons found without a Bible. The Society resolved to supply the Hotels with several copies of the Bible."

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

We have received no report from this County the past year. The Treasurer has sent us $20 on Bible account.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

"This Society held its Annual Meeting in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clearfield, at which time its Officers for the present year were elected, viz.:

"Henry Lorain, M.D., President; Rev. S. M. Cooper, Vice-President; Rev. C. Diehl, Secretary; Mr. G. P. Gulich, Treasurer; Messrs. William Porter, Richard Shaw, Sr., G. W. Reams, Sr., Latamer Reed, Henry E. Snyder, Managers.

"Executive Committee, H. Lorain, S. M. Cooper, C. Diehl, G. P. Gulich, William Porter, G. W. Reams, Sr.

"The Society has had, during the past year, Colporters laboring in the County nearly two months. They visited six Townships, and sold 255 Bibles, and 590 Testaments. They found but few families in their visits destitute of the Word of Life, of which we heartily rejoice. On account of the scarcity of the necessaries of life, the high prices of the same, and hence the scarcity of money, the Society has deemed it expedient to employ no agent for the present season. As soon, however, as things again wear a more favorable aspect, we intend to continue the exploration of the County. The Treasurer reports our Society as having paid up in full the Pennsylvania Bible Society for books.

"Money in the Treasury, $18 26. Bibles and Testaments on hand, $71 92.

"C. DIEHL."

ERIE COUNTY.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ERIE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"This Society held its 31st Annual Meeting in the city of Erie, on the 7th of February, 1855, at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church. At 2 o'clock, P. M., was called to order by the President, Rev. J. H. Pressly, and opened with prayer by the Rev. J. F. Read. After the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting by the Secretary, the Managers, Treasurer, and Librarian respectively made their Annual Reports, which were accepted, adopted, and placed on file. A partial Report of Mr. D. Clark, of his Agency up to that time, was then read. The Society then pro-

ceeded to the election of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year, whereupon the following persons were duly elected, viz.:

"President, Rev. J. H. Pressly; Vice-President, Rev. E. J. Chapin; Treasurer, Rev. R. J. Sibley; Secretary, George Kellogg; Librarian, James Lytle.

"Managers: George Selden, M. R. Barr, B. B. Vincent, James D. Smith, C. Doll, W. J. F. Liddle, Rev. J. F. Read, Rev. Noah Sullivan, John Evans, Jr., Giles Sanford, Esq., Calvin Spafford, John C. Smith.

"The Annual Report of the Managers represent the operations of the Society as having been quite limited during the past year, owing to adverse circumstances; and from which they deemed it inexpedient to attempt to carry out the resolution of the Society, passed at their last Annual Meeting, to re-supply the destitute of the county, as it appeared to them impracticable to do so, and at the same time raise the amount pledged as a donation to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

"There has been purchased during the year 152 copies of different editions of the Bible, and 599 Testaments, at a cost of $151 55—making the sum of $3831 49 purchased in the last twelve years. The whole amount obtained since the first organization of the Society has been about 6217 copies of the different editions of the Bible, and 11,721 Testaments. The Librarian reports, that he has received for Books sold by him during the year, $104 93; that he has on hand, in the Depository, Bibles and Testaments to the value of $260 74—making a good assortment of the Parent Society's publications.

"The Treasurer reports the receipt, during the past year from *all* sources, of the sum of $905 73; all of which has been applied to the payment of Books purchased, and the redemption of pledges made to the Parent Society, through their Agent, the Rev. J. J. Aikin.

"In view of which facts and reports, the following resolutions were severally moved, discussed, and unanimously adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*,—That the Managers be instructed to use their utmost efforts to consummate, during the current year, the pledges of the Society made at our last Anniversary, viz.: *First*—To pay to the Pennsylvania Bible Society the sum of Six Hundred Dollars; and *Second*—To supply our own county with Bibles.

"*Resolved*,—That wherever the Bible is read, believed, and obeyed, Man's Spiritual and Temporal condition is bettered; therefore, that it is the duty of every believer in the Bible to use every means in his power to place it within the reach of those who are destitute of it.

"The Meeting was very well attended; a good degree of interest in the cause was manifest; and a good spirit prevailed.

"The Meeting adjourned to hold its next Annual Meeting at the same place, and closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Aikin.

"George Kellogg,
"Secretary."

FAYETTE COUNTY.

No report has been received from this county the past year; and nothing has been done either by the County Society, or by the Female Bible Society at Uniontown. We trust the present year will result in renewed effort, both in the circulation of Bibles throughout the county, and in the collection of funds to aid in carrying the Bible to the destitute in other places.

BROWNSVILLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society continues its contributions from year to year, with a system and regularity worthy of imitation by others who love the Bible work. We have received, the past year, from this Association, $101 86.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, in January last, when a Sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Aikin, Secretary of Pennsylvania Bible Society.

The following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.: President, Mrs. Ann E. Sweitzer; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Clarke; Treasurer, Mrs. Bowman.

DUNLAP'S CREEK FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Association was formed about one year and a half ago. They gave us a donation of $17 75 at the time of their organization, and have contributed the past year $25 04. If each Church would form a Society—make annual collections for this object—the cause of the Bible would be greatly advanced.

We trust we may have many organizations similar to that of Dunlap's Creek, which shall do something each year to circulate the Word of God.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF CHAMBERSBURG.

"We held our annual meeting on the second Monday of April, when it appeared that the town had been pretty generally visited by the managers, and copies of the Scriptures distributed as follows:

"English Bibles 7, of which 1 was sold; German Bibles 1; English Testaments 33, of which 3 were sold.

"Owing to the absence of some of the officers of the Society, no report was sent on last year, and no funds were forwarded, though some distribution was made, and subscriptions to some extent paid. This makes our collection now larger than usual, eighty-eight dollars. We appropriate sixty dollars to constitute Mrs. E. C. Berlin, and Rev. Joseph Clark, life-members of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

"Officers re-elected:—President, Mrs. Schneck; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Berlin; Recording Secretary, Miss S. A. Chambers; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. A. Demsy."

GREENCASTLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"This Society collected forty-four dollars and twenty cents, thirty of which is appropriated to constitute Mrs. Elizabeth McCrea, a life-member of the Pennsylvania Bible Society. A small supply of Bibles and testaments are kept on hand to supply any demands at home. We are happy in being able to contribute to send abroad the Word of God.

"Mary E. Emerson, Secretary."

INDIANA COUNTY.

We have received from this County Society $50 11, for the past year. This county should be again explored. We hope it may be done during the coming year.

SALTZBURG BIBLE SOCIETY.

We have had no report from this Society, and no funds the year just closed.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Nothing has been done in this county the past year.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

"The annual meeting of the Lancaster County Bible Society, was held in the lecture room of Rev. Mr. Harbaugh's church, on Thursday, November 23d, 1854.

"The Society being called to order by the President, Rev. N. A. Keyes, the proceedings were commenced with prayer by Rev. Mr. Shultz.

"Horace Rathvon, was appointed Secretary pro tem.

"The minutes of the last meeting were amended and adopted.

"The Treasurer and Librarian read his report, which was adopted.

"The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Rev. Mr. Bishop, which, after one or two alterations was, with the resolutions annexed, unanimously adopted.

"Rev. Mr. Nevin, from the committee to nominate officers and Board of Managers, for the ensuing year, reported as follows:

"President, Rev. N. A. Keyes; Vice-Presidents, Hon. Emanuel Shaeffer, Dr. John Miller; Treasurer and Librarian, John W. Hubley.

"Managers:—Rev. A. Shultz, Rev. G. W. Brindle, Rev. Wm. Mooney, Rev. H. Harbaugh, Rev. Wm. Bishop, Rev. J. A. Baldwin, Rev. G. F. Krotel, Rev. J. S. Crumbaugh, Rev. B. Sehmauk, Rev. A. Nevin, Rev. A. Helfenstein, Mr. Theo. Fenn, Mr. A. G. Helfenstein, Mr. Jno. S. Gable, Mr. C. MeCleary, Mr. H. Rathvon, Mr. Chas. Boughter, Dr. John Wayland, Mr. Christian Gast, Mr. Geo. Spurrier, Mr. Hugh Andrews, Mr. Daniel Hoffman, Mr. Benjamin D. Gill, Mr. John F. Shroder.

"Whieh nominations were, on motion, unanimously confirmed by the meeting.

"On motion of Rev. Mr. Nevin, Rev. Mr. Drysdale was added to the list of managers.

"It was resolved, unanimously, that at the meeting this evening new members be solieited aud a colleetion taken up, and the President be authorized to appoint eommittees to carry out the above.

"Early in the year, the managers of this Soeiety took into consideration the propriety of supplying the eounty prison and almshouse, and the hotels of this city, with Bibles; and also, of seeuring the appointment of a chaplain to the almshouse and prison. A note to this effeet was addressed to the direetors of these institutions, who replied that sueh an appointment did not eome within their jurisdietion. A petition to the legislature, praying for an aet to authorize said appointment, was then eireulated, but before it was forwarded, that body adjourned. We hope, however, that the matter will not be lost sight of during the approaehing session; that the unfortunate inmates of those iustitutions may no longer be irregularly supplied, for, of all persons, they espeeially need the applianecs of the gospel; the care, the sympathy and living voice of the ministry. Besides, to expend large sums of money in the ereetion of huge walls of brick and mortar, and leave their inmates destitute of moral and religious instruction; to feed and elothe the bodies of the poor and infirm, and make no provision for their spiritual wants, *is neither christian or public policy*. We would here recognize, with great interest, the reeommendation from our eourt, at its present session, to the grand jury, on this subjeet. As to the hotels of our city, it has been found, upon examination, that it will require some hundred copies of the Bible, properly to supply them. This is a desideratum well worthy the attention and noblest effort of the Soeiety.

"During the year, this Society has employed, at different periods, three agents. The Rev. S. B. Layeock, operated from the 10th of Deeember to the 26th of January, one month and sixteen days, and visited in Earl, East Earl, Cocalieo and Breeknock townships, together with the towns of Petersburg, Millerstown, Voganville, Brownstown, Fairville, Rothsville, Reamstown and Adamstown, 858 families. He received donations to the amount of $25 74, and sold 56 English and 50 German Bibles, 102 English and 10 German Testaments, 43 eopies of the English Testament and Psalms, and

65 Testaments with both the German and English text. He gave to necessitous persons 23 Bibles, 9 Testaments and one copy of the Testament and Psalms, and found 52 families destitute of the Bible, though some of them had the Testament,—23 of which number were too poor to purchase it. These he supplied gratuitously, and one case was so affecting as to justify a passing notice. The man of the house was absent, and the wife and six small children, cleanly but thinly clad, seemed to be making the best of their poverty. Upon being interrogated by the agent as to their want of Bibles, the woman cast her eyes towards the floor in silence, until the tear-drop gave the melancholy response. "Have you no Bible?" said he. "No; I have often spoken to my husband about getting one, but he says I can do well enough without a Bible," was the reply. "Accept of this," said the agent, as he presented her with a copy of the sacred volume; and amid sighs and sobs, she gave inarticulate expressions of gratitude. The sequel proved that, in addition to these six children, this poor woman had a drunken husband to support.

"The Rev. J. V. Eckert, served the Society from the 10th of November to the 1st of July,—seven months and twenty days,—and visited in Leacock, Paradise, Earl, East Lampeter, Upper Leacock and Salisbury Townships 522 families. He canvassed thoroughly the villages of Intercourse, Concord, Gap, Mount Hope, Summerville, Byerstown, Harristown, Salisburyville and Williamstown. Mr. Eckert received donations to the amount of $19 30, and sold 194 English and 8 German Bibles, 245 English Testaments, 30 copies of the English Testament and Psalms, and 9 Testaments with both the German and English text. He gave to 11 destitute families, who were either unable or indisposed to buy a copy of the Word of Life, 7 English Bibles and 6 English Testaments.

"The Rev. Watson Russel operated from the 10th of June to the 10th of November,—five months,—and visited in Strasburg, Bart and West Lampeter Townships, 1946 families, 52 of which were destitute of Bibles. He received donations to the amount of $64 30, and sold 87 English and 5 German Bibles, 227 English Testaments, and 14 Testaments with both the German and English texts. He gave to poor persons 7 Bibles, 1 German and 5 English Testaments.

"From the above reports we learn that the agents, unitedly, visited 3326 families, 115 of which they found destitute of Bibles. They received donations to the amount of $109 34, and sold 400 Bibles, 662 Testaments, and 43 copies of the Testament and Psalms. They gave away 36 Bibles, 21 Testaments, and 1 copy of the Testament and Psalms. Last year 2282 families were visited, 1044 less than the present year. The amount of destitution varies but little in proportion to the number of families visited. Last year 228 Bibles and 114 Testaments were sold, 272 Bibles and 548 Testaments less than the present year. Last year 18 Bibles and 17 Testaments were given away, 18 Bibles and 4 Testaments less than the present

year. Last year donations were received to the amount of $73 46; $35 88 less than the present year. From this comparison, it is highly gratifying to learn that there has been considerable advancement in nearly all the departments of the work, and the Society have cause to contemplate their success with pleasure.

"From the Report of the Secretary and Librarian, it will be seen that the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed by the Treasurer and agents is 1594. Compared with last year the result is as follows: Bibles and Testaments distributed last year, 1930, this year, 1594; decrease this year, 340. The Treasurer reports cash for sales by Treasurer and agents $736 09; cash received from agents as donations $109 34; total amount $848 43. Compared with last year the sales and donations by agents stand thus:—Last year $644 29, this year $848 43.—Increase this year $204 14. Donations and subscriptions last year $375 96; this year $436 97; increase this year $51 01.

"In the Society's report for last year, it was supposed from the most reliable data, that there were six hundred and twenty-five families in our county destitute of the Bible, which destitution it is to be presumed, has not been, upon the whole, materially diminished. This is certainly a matter of humiliation, and the bare statement of the fact, ought to be sufficient to prompt us to activity and liberality, to supply those cheerless households with the heavenly treasure! Nor should we cease our efforts when this is done, but in proportion to our ability, and the demands abroad, labor to send the Bible over the mountain's top, and the ocean's main, until its solar beams shall shine upon the path of every degenerate child of man. This, doubtless, is the ultimatum contemplated by our Society, and we would do well to remember it in our contributions.

"It was strongly recommended in our last report, 'that the Pastors throughout the county, annually present the Bible cause to their respective Congregations, and lift a collection in its behalf.' This, we are sorry to say, has been, in a great degree neglected, and consequently many, who would gladly have contributed their mite, were denied the privilege. This is to be regretted, for as small tributaries supply the river on whose bosom floats the commerce of the world, so we must look to small contributions to replenish the treasury, and supply the wants of our Society. And is there a congregation of God's people, in this wealthy county, that would slight the claims of such a cause, if they were properly presented? We think not; and therefore, in view of the increasing demands upon this Society, and the very limited number of annual subscribers thereto, we beg to present the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the ministers connected with this Society be, and they are hereby requested to *preach* on the subject, and take an *annual collection* in their respective churches, in behalf of the Bible cause.

"*Resolved*, That we will use our best endeavors to increase the number of annual subscribers to our Society.

"*Resolved*, That the names of the collectors of the annual subscriptions, and the names of all persons making a donation of $5 each to the Society, be published in the Annual Report."

EVENING SESSION.

"At 6½ o'clock, P.M., the Society met in the Rev. Mr. Harbaugh's church. After singing, prayer was offered by the President. The Rev. Mr. Harbaugh preached the annual sermon from Eph. 6: 21, 'As the truth is in Jesus.' The minutes were then read and approved.

"The Rev. Mr. Bishop read the annual report of the Society, which was ordered to be published in pamphlet form, together with the proceedings of the Society; and the editors of all the newspapers in the city and county were requested to give the same one insertion in their respective papers.

"A collection was taken up, and several persons gave in their names to become members.

"On motion of Rev. Mr. Bishop, it was resolved that the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. Mr. Harbaugh, for his able sermon, and that a copy of it be requested for publication. On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the names of the ministers in the county, who by the 5th article of the Constitution are entitled to act with the Board of Directors, be published in the Report after the names of the Board.

"Adjourned."

LEBANON COUNTY.

"The Lebanon Female Bible Society, of Lebanon County, held their annual meeting on the 4th of April, 1855. Not having reported to the parent Society last year, our present report covers two years. We shall have little of special interest to communicate at this time. Since the year 1852 we have had no distributing agents in the field; yet we have endeavored, as far as possible, to supply those destitute of the 'Word of God,' in our town and neighborhood, through the medium of colporters, who have been laboring in our midst during the past year. Though our efforts have been comparatively limited, we still have reason to be encouraged, in the hope that our labors have not been altogether in vain. We know the purpose of our Society is to go onward, though it may be slowly, in humble dependence on Divine aid, without whose assistance we feel our greatest efforts would be unavailing.

"This Society, since its organization, has expended for Bibles and paid to distributing agents, &c., $1848 58.

"During the two past years, it has sold and distributed 114 Bibles and

Testaments. Whole amount sold and distributed by the Society, 3437 volumes. Now in Depository, 148 volumes.

"There have been no general collections made during the last two years; yet some funds have been received into the treasury, from donations, subscriptions, and the sale of books.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

March 25, 1853.	Balance in the treasury, - - - - - -	$4 87
" 8, 1854.	To cash received during the year, for books, donations, and subscriptions, - - - -	8 25
Febr'y 15, 1855.	To cash for ditto, - - - - - - -	67 80
	Whole amount, - - - - - - - - - -	$80 92
	It appears from the same account, the whole amount paid out, and expended up to the 15th of March, 1855, was - - - -	52 54
	Balance in the treasury, - - - - - - - -	$28 38

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

"Mrs. Jonathan Ruthrauff, President; Mrs. Jacob B. Weidman, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Henry S. Miller, Treasurer; Miss Emma C. Ruthrauff, Corresponding Secretary.

"Respectfully,

"E. C. RUTHRAUFF, Cor. Sec."

LEHIGH COUNTY.

"Allentown, Lehigh County, February 10, 1855.

"DEAR SIR:—During the past year we have not accomplished as much as we proposed to ourselves at its outset. We have, however, had two colporters employed during a considerable portion of the year, who have visited a large part of the county. An alarming proportion of families has been found without the Scriptures. We are glad to believe that each year exhibits an increased interest in the great cause of spreading the Gospel. We have entered on this year with a hearty determination to endeavor not to come so far short of our duty as in past years. At our Annual Meeting, held January 1st, in this place, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

"President, J. P. Barnes; Secretary, B. F. Trexler; Treasurer of Depository, Charles Keck.

"Respectfully submitted,

"BENJAMIN F. TREXLER,

"Secretary."

LUZERNE COUNTY.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WYOMING BIBLE SOCIETY.

"Village of Wyoming, April 10, 1855.

"The particular field of the Wyoming Bible Society having been explored about three years since, we have aimed chiefly to improve the occasional opportunities to furnish the Sacred Volume, and to contribute to the general fund for the supply of the county, our country, and the world.

"The amount of our funds, which, with the exception of a few dollars for increasing our stock of books, we (this year) send directly to the State Society, is $70, of which $14 40 is from the Bible Society in the 'Luzerne Presbyterial Institute'—an auxiliary organization designed, in the simplest manner, to promote the interest and embody the influence of the members of the Institute.

"Naturally, the destitute nearest us have the first claim upon our efforts, and we have felt a special interest in the exploration of our county. It was gratifying to learn from the Report of the Agent of the County Society last year, that this large and populous district of the State had been, in so great a degree, thoroughly supplied. The work was continued; but we have to regret that, owing to afflictive providences, it did not reach completion. It is expected, however, that the few remaining towns will be visited by the Agent as soon as possible.

"We acknowledge the kind hand of the Redeemer of sinners in whatever has been accomplished; and we send our humble 'Greeting,' and word of mutual cheer, to every fellow-laborer, whether acting in aid of the venerable Pennsylvania Society, or some other branch of the great cause which is so vitally connected with the renovation of the world.

"The Officers of this Society for the ensuing year are:

"President, William Swetland, Esq.; Vice-President, Robert E. Ruthven; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. P. E. Stevenson; Recording Secretary, Wm. Henry; Treasurer, Daniel Jones; Rev. George M. Peck and Rev. T. P. Hunt, Vice-Presidents *ex officio*—such being the relation sustained by all Evangelical ministers, who are members of the Society.

"P. E. Stevenson,
"Secretary."

MERCER COUNTY.

We have received from the Treasurer of this County Society, on account, Twenty-five Dollars.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF LEWISTOWN.

"In presenting our annual report, it becomes us to take a retrospect of the past, and ask ourselves what progress we have made in this good work in which we are enlisted, whether we have done all that we could for it? It should be our most anxious desire that every family should possess a copy of the word of God, and by that means make themselves acquainted with his will, and their duty, and the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. During the past year our visiting committee have but partially visited the town. But few are willing to engage in this self-denying work, of going from house to house, and often the same ladies are compelled to visit year after year. May they remember the promise of our Lord, 'We shall reap if we faint not,' and not be discouraged, but think of Him, our great exemplar, whose whole life was spent in going about doing good, to the bodies as well as the souls of men. Let us be willing in some degree to walk in his steps, and thus show that we are his disciples. We trust that the coming year may witness more diligent exertions in this good cause.

"The visiters found 4 families destitute of the Bible and supplied them, also, distributed 6 English Bibles, 3 German, 6 Testaments. Received subscriptions $39 00.

"Depository agent reports:—Sold books to the amount of $56 81, gave as donations to visitors and others 6 English Bibles, 4 German, and 6 English Testaments. Have on hand 113 Testaments, 50 Bibles.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From sales of books,	$56 81
Subscriptions and donations,	39 00
Paid out for books,	48 73
Gave as donation to Pennsylvania Bible Society,	40 00
Balance in treasury,	36 08

"Visiting Committee:—Miss M. McCord, Miss M. McCoy, Mrs. S. Frysinger, Mrs. S. Woods, Mrs. N. P. Ellis, Miss E. Miliken, Miss J. Vanvolzah, Miss N. M. More, Mrs. H. Walters, Mrs. S. Sterett.

"Elizabeth Hoffman, Secretary."

MONTOUR COUNTY.

DANVILLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"In presenting our second annual report to the friends of the cause, and the public, we are happy to state that our Society is in a flourishing condi-

tion. The annual meeting of this Society was held in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church, Saturday, December 30th, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

"President, Mrs. Mary Magill; Vice-President, Mrs. Lydia Woods; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Montgomery; Secretary, Mrs. Amy Maxwell. The Board of Managers for this year, consist of thirty-two ladies.

"We ascertained that some of the districts were entirely too large to be canvassed by two ladies, and we divided them; making at the present time sixteen districts. Most of the distributors have reported very favorably.

"A special meeting was held Saturday, April 13th, for the purpose of meeting our indebtedness to the County Society for Bibles and Testaments, and also to make two persons life-members of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, when on motion of Rev. I. H. Torrence, the following ladies were constituted life-members; Mrs. Letitia Yeomans, Mrs. Margaret Willard.

Number of families visited,		722
" " destitute,		50
" " supplied,		27
" " rejected,		23
Sold Bibles,		6
" Testaments,		4
Collected this year,	$83 36	
Balance in treasury from last year,	11 10	
Total,	$94 46	

"We esteem it an exalted privilege to contribute our feeble efforts toward the advancement of the Bible cause, and submit this report with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to the bountiful Donor of all our blessings.

"Respectfully,

"AMY MAXWELL, Secretary."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

"To the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

"The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Bible Society was held on the 25th of March, 1855, in the Baptist meeting-house in the borough of Norristown.

"The operations of the past year, although limited chiefly to the means of the ordinary contributions of its members, exhibit a gratifying result. The number of Bibles and Testaments distributed from the depository, was one hundred and thirty-one copies; of which number thirty-three copies of the Bible, were furnished to 'The Union Female Tract Society,' whose operations extend throughout the boroughs of Norristown and of Bridgeport, both towns having been recently explored, and are at this time in the course

of supply. There were twenty-two families found destitute, and who were supplied with the Word of Truth.

"The financial condition of the Society presents a small balance in the hands of the treasurer, as also a credit to a small amount in the treasury of the parent Society.

"The meeting was well attended and considerable interest manifested as regards the raising of funds for the Bible cause, a resolution to that effect having been adopted, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the managers of this Society be instructed to employ some means or agency to raise one thousand dollars, during the current year, for Bible purposes."

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

SUNBURY FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"During the past year the Society disposed of the following number of books at its depository:

"Bibles sold,	20
Testaments sold,	109
Bibles presented,	2

"It affords the Managers of the Society great pleasure in being able to report, that during the past year they have been enabled to extend their operations beyond the borough of Sunbury. In their Report presented to the Parent Society a year ago, they avowed their intentions, provided a suitable agent could be secured, to explore that part of Northumberland County lying south of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Mr. C. Walters was engaged as agent for the Society four months, lacking one-third.

"The following is the result of his labors:—

"Number of families visited,	2168
" " " destitute,	115
" " " non-accepting,	33
" " Bibles sold, English,	278
" " " German,	38
" " given, English,	16
" " " German,	1
" " Testaments sold, English,	391
" " " " German,	84
" " " given, English,	4
" " volumes circulated,	812
Donations,	$65 03

"In his Report, Mr. C. Walters remarks: 'More than half the destitute were Protestant families. . . . In the Coal regions, I sold a great many

books, and received most in the line of contributions. The largest donation made to the Society was from a lady.

"'In that part of the county south of the Leine Mountains—a rich country—I received one contribution, given by a young lady of Georgetown.'

"P. Born,
"Secretary."

MILTON FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"This Society is in a prosperous state. It has done much in the way of disseminating the Holy Scriptures, both in the surrounding country and in its immediate locality. There are some active spirits connected (mothers in Israel), who feel a deep interest in it, and take an active part—through this instrumentality the glory of the Redeemer in this wicked world is increased. They regret that they have not been able to do more; but intend to persevere, with the hope that they may be able to do more in future.

"Collections, - - - - - -	$36 10
Sale of Bibles, - - - - -	36 69
	$72 79

"One-half presented to Parent Society; other half to credit of Milton Society, to be drawn for in books when needed.

"J. Marr,
"President."

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

PHILADELPHIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

"In the Annual Report of a Bible Society of the present time, little that is novel or startling may be looked for. Its work is so uniform and well-defined, that the account of the doings of one year is so similar to that of the year preceding, as to seem scarcely more than a repetition. The reasons are obvious. The Book we endeavor to spread among men, is an old book: it is susceptible, radically, of no change. God's Word being perfect, we can make no improvement in it. Therefore, in the staple of our work there can be no variety. In our methods of circulating it, too, there must of necessity be an essential sameness: the only variance being in the increased numbers which new facilities afford for the outspread of this ancient volume. The objects of the benevolence of a Bible Society are of the same nature from generation to generation. The poor we have always with us; and it is surely necessary to continue to furnish them with the guide to the attainment of imperishable riches, and the knowledge of the way of life. Our hospitals and other charitable institutions still receive and minister to the wants and sorrows of the hapless and the afflicted; and, certainly, the sad and

sighing partakers of our common humanity, even if unworthy, may still prefer their claim on the sympathies of the followers of Christ, and the expressive silence of the sick man's sorrows may prompt our hearts to impart to him the consolations of the Book of Peace. 'Madness is still in the hearts of men to do evil;' and the pitiable inmates of our prisons continue to require those pregnant lessons of warning and instruction which are primarily found in the Holy Scriptures. Children, who are soon to inherit their fathers' places, still throng our Sabbath-schools; and where are to be found more appropriate recipients of the Book we circulate?—The blind are still our brethren; and though the light of the sun may never visit their eyes, but 'ever-during dark instead' be their earthly allotment, yet mechanic skill enables to discharge a duty to them, by furnishing them with the Word of God intelligible at their finger-ends; and so, through the medium of touch, the light of the Sun of Righteousness may penetrate the darkened mind, and illumine the soul.—The sailor still ploughs the deep waters, and thus unites in friendly bands the peoples of wide-apart regions; and he, while tossing on the ocean during his temporary isolations from the busy world, needs the teaching of the Book which its gracious Giver designed for all the race of man.—The immigrant, too, lured from his birth-land by the attractions of this Western World, still makes his way over broad waters, and lands upon our shores a needy object of the care of a society, that regards all men as immortal beings on a solemn pilgrimage toward eternity. Since the organization of the Philadelphia Bible Society, the spread of the Holy Scriptures among these classes has been its chief work and purpose; and, though it lack the charm and interest of variety, such it continues to be, with, we trust, an ever increasing efficiency and success.

"In this work, we have the earnest and helpful co-operation of our two only auxiliaries, strictly so called, viz.: the Female Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Sabbath-School Bible Society of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church. For successive years have these efficient organizations stood by our side, and according to their ability have aided us in our work. We invite the continuance of their earnest endeavors in this catholic charity.

"We are happy to acknowledge a customary annual donation from the Female Bible Society of Philadelphia. This institution is one of the oldest foundations of its kind in our country; and from the excellence of its past works, we may be allowed to express the desire that its existence may be perpetual. Acceptable aid has also been received from the Northwestern Female Bible Society.

"During the past twelve months, the issues from our Depository have amounted to 35,212 volumes; of which number 10,061 were copies of the entire Bible, and 25,151 of the New Testament. The whole number sent forth since the Society was instituted, is

Bibles, - - - - - - - - - -	77,762
New Testaments, - - - - - - - -	113,350
	191,112

"3083 Bibles and 6505 New Testaments have been circulated among seamen by our colporter, Mr. Gardner, during the past year; and Mr. Seip, our agent among the immigrants, has distributed 224 Bibles and 3339 New Testaments.

"The Receipts into our treasury for the past year have been $10,636 02; a large increase over any preceding year. This amount is inclusive of a legacy of $500 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary Fassitt, of Philadelphia. The testatrix, however, having directed the legacy to be funded, the interest alone is available. As stated in former Reports, we have no balance remaining at the close of our fiscal year, it being our custom to appropriate to the parent Society whatever may then be unexpended.

"The apprehension need never be entertained that our treasury can be made to overflow. While man remains a fallen being, and while the Bible continues to be the only infallible guide to the attainment of a glorious immortal life, so long will there lie open a field of labor in which we can employ all the means which the piety of the church may contribute.

"Let it be remembered that we are not necessarily confined to the comparatively small limits indicated by the name of our institution as the *Philadelphia* Bible Society. Whatever may be contributed more than sufficient to supply the need within our restricted bounds is handed over to the State Society; and thus the donor in Philadelphia may become a benefactor to his State, or indirectly aid in sending the Sacred Scriptures to destitute places in our own country or in heathen lands.

"We may conclude with the remark that the past year was a notable one from the fact that it was the Jubilee Year of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Suitable steps for its appropriate commemoration were early taken in Great Britain; and from the zeal, energy, and enthusiam manifested, it is not surprising that the contributions in that kingdom for the diffusion of the Bible far surpassed the amount raised in any previous year: the receipts for general purposes amounting to $628,330; for the Jubilee fund, $332,535; and for publishing Chinese Testaments, $152,430: in all, $1,113,295. While we commend such earnest diligence, let this praiseworthy example incite us to a holy competition in the good work to which we are mutually devoted; so that the word of God may grow and multiply, till the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

"It is proper and becoming, at the close of another year of labor, to pause and review the dealings of God with us as a Society, to consider our present

condition, to take counsel together, and to stir up one another to a more full accomplishment of the work in which we are engaged.

"The object of our Association, we are well assured, is clearly sanctioned by reason, humanity, Christian charity, and, above all, by the Divine will;—for, as the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, and as they were given for that purpose, to encourage each other to give them a wide-spread circulation, to carry them, indeed, to every family of this world's population, is just what God requires, and what is our duty and should be our pleasure to perform.

"During the past year, a beloved and valuable Manager of our Society has been called from labor to reward. Prompt and faithful in the discharge of her duties, affectionate and amiable in all the relations of life, Mrs. Hare won the esteem of those whose pleasure it was to know her, and has left her sphere of usefulness on earth for the sublimer employments of the heavenly world. From the exalted region she now occupies, she speaks to us who survive: 'Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not.' It is the dictate of both wisdom and piety to heed the admonition, awake to righteousness, and double our diligence.

"Our Board of Managers has been considerably increased since our last Report, by accessions from churches which have not heretofore been represented; so that, at present, we have active and efficient Managers from eighteen different Methodist Churches of this city. From this we are led to hope and believe that the coming year will be distinguished by larger receipts into our treasury and by greatly extended usefulness as a Society.

"We have put in circulation during the past year 234 Bibles, 214 Testaments, and 13 octavo Testaments with Psalms, making in all 461 copies of God's word.

"One or two instances, connected with this distribution, it may not be inappropriate to mention.

"An individual was found in the lower part of our city, who had reached the advanced age of one hundred years, and more. He came to this country with the brave and distinguished Lafayette, and aided in the achievement of the glorious independence of our country. In the darksome period of old age, he was presented by one of our Managers with a Bible, which he joyfully received, and which it is earnestly hoped may shed a light upon his path, and serve to comfort and cheer the remainder of his days.

"An interesting and intelligent female, who is a member of our church, and entirely blind, made application through friends for a Bible, which was responded to in the donation of a full and complete copy, comprised in eight volumes, with raised letters. It was to her a precious gift—in her own language, 'of greater value than all the gold in the world.' 'She had,' she said, 'the advantage of others, as she could read it, without difficulty, in the darkest night, and learn from it words of comfort and peace.' How adorable

is the Providence of God, by which the blind are now made to share in the benefits of those Scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation!

"A large proportion of the distribution of the year has been to our city missions and destitute Sunday Schools. May the precious seed, which has thus been spread abroad, prove itself to each recipient the 'quick, powerful, sharp, two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,' and may it be to them 'a savor of life unto life.'

"We ask for the sympathy, the prayers, and the contributions of our friends. Since the arts and sciences are going forward with rapid strides, and progress is stamped upon almost every movement, should not the Bible be the pioneer in every work which designs to ameliorate the condition of man? and should not all put forth the most vigorous efforts to accelerate its progress? We live in one of the most eventful periods of the world's history, and it is for the friends of the Bible to say, whether or not it shall be distinguished for the unwonted dissemination of its holy and life-giving pages."

SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE SOCIETY OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"A *Treasurer's figures* will certainly be deemed the *shortest* if not the *best* account of a Society's doings. By the Treasurer's account, of this auxiliary, the labors of the year are set down as follows:—

Collections in 1854 by male board, - - - -	$99 27
" " by female board, - - - -	107 81
Total, - - - - - - -	$207 08

"From the Annual Report we quote the following:

"In this account we find, once more, the female in advance of the male managers; and the result shows the largest amount ever collected by the Society in one year, if we except the year 1851, which exceeded the present by $6 14 cents.

"Two hundred and seven dollars contributed to send forth the word of Him who created the heavens and the earth, and give salvation to a perishing race! The sum is surely too insignificant even for the microscope! In it however may be found the manifestation of a principle which has been enlightening our benighted earth, and which, blessed of God and guided by the Church of Christ, is destined to flash the light of truth around the globe. It is a good work in which the children of America are engaged—unfolding the volume which records the awful fact, that of all the sons and daughters of the human family 'there is not one that doeth good and sinneth not, no not one,' and the publishing to every land that '*Christ died for all*'—*the Wound and the Balm!*

"We wish we could turn from Protestant Christianity with encouragement in view of the state of the Roman Catholic world. But what can be

found to hand down to posterity as a recollection of the year 1854? Alas, the Romish Church is at this very moment proclaiming to the world, that she has wandered nineteen centuries from the truth! How happens it that infallible wisdom left it to the close of the nineteenth century to discover that there was one woman, Mary the mother of Jesus, for whom the blood of Christ was shed in vain? Truly the grief which might freely flow from every heart, were this true, demands a universal Jubilee to change the wails of mourning into mirth and gladness.

"GEORGE YOUNG, Secretary.

"PHILADELPHIA, December 8th, 1854."

FROM THE COLPORTER AMONG SEAMEN.

"As your Colporter among the seamen and boatmen, I beg leave to present the following report:

"During the past year I have distributed 3083 Bibles and 6505 New Testaments. In the course of distribution I began at the lower part of the city, and continued the next morning where I had left off on the previous evening, until at length I got as far as Richmond. After supplying the colliers at that place, I pursued the same plan on the River Schuylkill. I next visited the sailor boarding-houses, and then recommenced near the Navy Yard. As I have pursued that plan systematically, very few sailors or boatmen have left this port without having had the offer of a Bible at a low price, or of a Testament gratuitously. The cases of absolute refusal to receive a copy of God's word have been very rare, although some of them, I am sorry to say, have left the Testaments which I have given them behind at their boarding-houses. I have supplied many who had never before been the owner of a Bible or a Testament. Some of them, when asked afterwards if they had read that book which told of the only Saviour of sinners, would appear to glory in their shame, by saying that they kept the book at the bottom of their chest, and often found it in the way when they wanted to get at something more important. Still it is a comfort to know that it is in the chest, and will accomplish the purpose to which God sent it in his own good time and way. As illustrating the good effects resulting from having the Bible on board of the vessel or boat, I will give the following extract from my journal:

"Met two captains of canal-boats who dated the commencement of their religious impressions from an interview held with me, one last spring and the other four years since. The first said that he had never kept a Bible or Testament on board of his boat before, and that he had previously spent the Sabbath and all other leisure time in reading novels and in other sinful amusements. 'But now I read the Bible and other good books all my spare time, and have, as I trust, made my peace with God through Jesus Christ.' The second said that I gave him a Bible four years since, and as

that was the only book on board of the boat he often took it up to read. The sacred truths contained in God's word made a deep impression upon his heart from time to time, until last winter, when he was enabled by divine grace to receive Jesus Christ as his only and all-sufficient Saviour. He has set up the family altar at home and on board of the boat, and strives to make himself useful wherever he goes.

"A colored steward, with whom I held some conversation when I sold him a Bible, said that he was induced by my remarks to search the Scriptures, and to pray for the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit. He too found peace and joy in believing, last winter.

"In accordance with your resolution, I have donated 72 Bibles with the vessel's name stamped on them, to remain permanently on board. I consider that a very judicious charity, as I have heard of the frequent use of them both by passengers and crew.

"The whole number of Bibles donated this year amount to 619. The seamen on board of the United States Receiving Ship have received the largest part of them. I am very glad that you have authorized me to supply them, as it would seem to be a great lack of Christian charity to let them start on a three years' cruise unprovided with that spiritual chart, which can alone direct them to their desired haven, whilst they are making the voyage of life.

"I have likewise supplied vessels bound to California, the Liverpool packets, and some other vessels, with Bibles and Testaments for the use of all hands on board. I have been much gratified to learn that many Roman Catholics have eagerly received the New Testaments, and have been seen to spend much time in reading them. As a case in point, during the past year, I met with a young German who was a steward on board of one of our coasting vessels: his parents are still living in Germany, and are connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Almost the first money that he spent after his arrival in this country (about two years since) was for a Protestant Bible in the German language. He told me that he had read the Bible through, in course, and found that the teaching which he had received from the priest at home was entirely inconsistent with the teaching of God's word. He added that he had not been to confession in America, but confessed his sins and prayed to God night and morning. As he was very anxious to have some religious reading in German beisdes the Bible, I bought for him some of the Tract Society's publications, to the amount of two dollars and fifty cents, with which he seemed to be very much pleased. Some of the sailors remarked to him, that he would have to do penance on account of eating meat on Friday. He replied that his Bible told him 'that what went into the mouth did not defile the man, but what came out.' As this man expressly asserted that he did not believe what his spiritual teacher at home told him to be true, and that he was determined to embrace

the first opportunity of comparing what had been given to him as truth with the Bible, we can gather much encouragement to present the word of God and other religious instruction to the thousands of deluded Romanists who are continually pouring into our country.

"I have now twelve thousand pages of tracts per month from our branch of the American Tract Society, which I have distributed daily with the Bible among the seamen and boatmen, and also on Sabbath morning. The Tract Society have authorized me to furnish vessels with a library of their publications at fifty per cent. discount. I have furnished a few vessels in that way this year, and hope to be yet more successful in inducing many to supply themselves with such cheap religious reading.

"To show the good effects resulting from the circulation of religious books, I give the following extract from my journal: 'Met with a young man at the Sailors' Home, whom I supplied with a Bible and James's Anxious Inquirer more than a year since. He had never owned a Bible, but had occasionally read one which one of his shipmates had left on board of the vessel. He often laid that aside with rage and disgust, because it so palpably condemned his sins. He said, "You recommended James's Anxious Inquirer so highly that I bought it, and found the plan of salvation plainly and fully delineated therein. I was soon enabled to receive and profit by the soul-saving truth, that Christ was my Saviour, and intend by his grace to live and die with my hand on that hope. I shall have one pious shipmate on my next voyage, and we have agreed together (God being our helper), to follow the great Captain of our salvation through good and through evil report."'

"I also give the following as one of the many instances in which the divine blessing has accompanied the distribution of tracts: 'Met with a rigger on board of a vessel where I was distributing Bibles, who said, "I wish to speak with you a few moments as soon as you are at leisure." I invited him on shore, supposing that he had some private communication to make, when he said, "I do not know that I need to go on shore, as I am not ashamed to confess my love to Christ in all proper ways, in whatsoever company I happen to be in." He added, "You gave me a tract when I was at the Sailors' Home several years ago, which, with God's blessing, brought me under deep conviction of sin. I then thought that there was not so great a sinner in the world as myself. But when it pleased God to remove my burden, I thought that there was not so happy a man as I then found myself to be. I cast my lot among God's people, took a class in the Sabbath School, and a part in the social meetings, and feel more grateful and thankful to God every day, that ever he had mercy upon such an unworthy sinner." One who was connected with the same church, told me that he is full of faith and zeal.'

"The two following incidents will be interesting, as abundantly proving

the fact, that as soon as a seaman is converted, he becomes a voluntary and efficient colporter in his new Master's service.

"I gave, some time since, some Bibles which had been used in a Sabbath School, with some other religious reading, to a mate who was bound to one of the West India Islands. He took them on shore on a Sabbath morning, and went at once to a place of worship for the colored people. He found their pastor was absent, and complied with their united request, that he would engage with them in worship, in the place of their pastor. He says, 'They appeared to be very attentive, and hungering and thirsting for the word of life, and I found that my own soul was refreshed, and I had great liberty of speech during the whole day. They received the books with heartfelt gratitude, and I regretted that I had not double the number to give them. On parting they took me by the hand, and invoking God's richest blessings to rest upon me, they made me promise to be sure to call and see them, if I visited the island again.'

"I also met with a sailor, who said that he was on board of a brig where the second mate was pious. At the commencement of the voyage all hands on board, the captain, the mate, and the seamen, ridiculed and annoyed the Christian. But he went on the even tenor of his way, returning blessings for railing, doing his duty manfully, and leaving the result to Him who judgeth righteously. He often reproved the captain with gentleness and firmness, for his profanity and irreligion, and endeavored to be a living epistle among them, of the glorious truths which he inculcated. It was not long before there was a marked and plainly to be seen change in the conduct of all hands on board. They began to treat him with respect, and some of them began to ask him about the truth of that religion which had exerted such a happy influence upon him. He joyfully pointed them at once to the sinner's Friend, to Him who came to seek and save that which was lost, and had the satisfaction of seeing all the sailors (six in number) hopefully converted. 'What an alteration,' says my informant, 'there was on board of that vessel! Instead of the profane oath, and scurrilous jest, and desecration of the Sabbath, we lived together as a company of brothers, spending our spare time in reading God's word, singing his praises, and uniting in prayer. When we arrived in port, we found it to be a privilege to take the second mate in a boat, on board of other vessels, that he might urge them to flee from the wrath to come, and supply them with tracts.'

"The captain, in conversation with the master of another vessel, said: 'We have fine times on board of my brig; my second mate has laid down rules and regulations by which we all abide, and we find ourselves much more comfortable and happy in so doing.'

"Instead of being weak in faith, and growing weary, and tired, and faint in making use of the means that God has appointed, in bringing seamen and others to a saving knowledge of his truth, should not such glorious

themes of his loving-kindness and tender mercy, as related above, stir us up to renewed endeavors to be constant in season and out of season, in the diffusion of that truth which, with His blessing, will make sinners wise unto salvation?

"I will again put our friends in mind, who are connected with Sabbath Schools or Bible classes, when they consider their books enough used to be replaced by new ones, that if they will leave the old stock at the Bible House, or leave word there where I shall call for them, I will engage that they shall be distributed among them who will receive them with gratitude. In conclusion, I will say, that I have much reason to thank God, and take courage in the further prosecution of my work, as I have been permitted to distribute so many copies of his word, and to urge so many to seek after those truths, which, with his blessing, will make them happy in time and for eternity."

FROM THE COLPORTER AMONG IMMIGRANTS.

"RESPECTED BRETHREN:—We have daily, throughout the year (Sundays excepted), visited the depot assigned us, and have distributed 3102 copies of the Scriptures, as well as other good books. We cannot report many facts; for we sow the seed, we give the bread of life to the famishing, and ere they have time to peruse the sacred Book, they are often many hundreds of miles distant from us. An Irishman accosted us in the cars, saying, 'I am glad to see you still engaged in this good work; I have cause to be thankful that you are thus engaged, for two years ago you persuaded me to buy a copy of the New Testament: I read it, and it was the means of my conversion, and now I am a member of a church, and a Sabbath-school teacher.' A Welsh family, who had lost all their baggage on their voyage, expressed great joy when we offered for sale a Welsh Testament: they purchased a copy, and they could not have evinced more joy than when viewing its sacred pages. An English lady, on being supplied with a large print Testament, pressed my hand, and with a faltering voice, said, 'God bless you.' The French immigrants, too, on being supplied with a copy of the Bible, have shown that they valued the precious Book. The Germans have spoken in the highest terms of our efforts in supplying the destitute; and those who were too poor to purchase, when we offered it to them without money and without price, thanked us in such a manner, that we felt it was good to be the almoners of God's Book. The distribution of the Bible is the extension of Christianity—for in the Bible is Christ and his glorious gospel preached; and whosoever reads therein will find his conscience addressed on every leaf, and will in a peculiar manner be reminded of God, of himself, and of his destination; therefore it becomes us, 'In the morning to sow the seed, and in the eveniug not to withhold the hand, for we know not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.'"

The rural districts were visited in part by Rev. C. Walters, who spent five months in the work of distribution and soliciting donations.

GERMANTOWN FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Managers of the Female Bible Society of Germantown, in presenting their Annual Report, feel that theirs is but an humble contribution to the efforts of those who are endeavoring to hold forth the Word of Life to every creature, yet it has been their aim faithfully to fill their appointed sphere of duty. The amount collected in subscriptions and donations ($106 76) they regret to say, falls a little short of that of last year, which, to those who consider only the increase of population in Germantown, may appear strange. But it must be remembered, that many of those who now constitute the inhabitants of this borough, contribute liberally through other channels to the circulation of the Word of God; and the other extreme of society, which is also continually increasing, is composed of those, many of whom need aid, instead of being able to extend it to others.

"The Managers, feeling reluctant to reduce their contribution to the Parent Society, have determined to appropriate the same amount as last year ($80); trusting that all which may be needed for the supply of the destitution within their own bounds beyond the sum of $12 51, which, after discharging the bill due for Bibles, they have reserved in their Treasury, will be provided when it shall be required. 6 English and 4 German Bibles have been sold, and 11 English and 14 German given gratuitously. Those who recollect the interesting account in the Report of last year of the conversion of a young man, effected by God's blessing attending his study of a Bible received from this Society, will rejoice to learn that its benign influence, we have reason to hope, did not terminate there; through his faithful conversation and correspondence a beloved sister has been brought, as he hopes, to a saving knowledge of 'the truth as it is in Jesus,' and, as he remarked to his friend, 'All this is the effect of that blessed Bible.'

"May not this influence, in widening circles, extend until it embraces many more—producing fruits lasting as eternity. 'He which converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from *death*.' We are, in this instance, permitted to trace the beneficial effects of *one* Bible—may we not hope that others sent forth have, although unknown or unheeded, accomplished similar errands of mercy; the blessedness of which may be revealed to us only among the disclosures of the last great day.

"Theodosia Bayard,
"Secretary."

PERRY COUNTY.

PERRY COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The ninth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Union church, in Newport, on Tuesday, the 30th of January, 1855. Mr. Alex. C. Klink was appointed President *pro tem.* George Powell, Esq., opened the meeting with prayer; after which, the proceedings of the last annual meeting, and the Constitution of the Society were read by Robert Kelly, Esq., Secretary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This society, since 20th July, 1846, has paid to Pennsylvania Bible Society for books, - - - - - - - -	$824 98
Paid to same Society in donations, - - - - -	286 00
	$1110 98

Moneys received since last Annual Meeting.

For books sold by Robert Kelly, Esq., - - - - -	$13 00
" " " Geo. Powell, Esq., - - - - -	2 71
Donation of Mr. Wm. Carlisle, Jr., - - - - -	1 00
	16 71
Balance on hand, per last Report, - - - - - -	23 04
	$39 75

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the services of Robert Kelly, Esq., as Secretary during several years past, the sum of thirty dollars is appropriated to constitute him a Life-Member of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

"*Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of the Society be held at Millerstown, on the last Tuesday of January, 1856.

"*Resolved*, That all Ministers of the Gospel within this county, are requested to take up collections in their several congregations, to aid in the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures.

"*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the County newspapers, and forwarded to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Officers chosen for the ensuing year.

"President, James L. Diven, Esq., of Bloomfield; Vice-President, Mr. William Carlisle, Jr., of Newport; Secretary and Treasurer, John Campbell, Esq., of Bloomfield.

"Executive Committee:—Rev. Wm. R. Mills, of Millerstown; Rev. John Dickey, Rev. P. Waters, Rev. Samuel Kuhn, John Campbell, Esq., and Mr. Alexander C. Klink, of Bloomfield; and Rev. R. Weiser, of Andesville.

"Prayer by Mr. William Carlisle, Jr. Meeting adjourned."

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

"In presenting this annual statement (February 5th, A.D. 1855) of the work of our Society, during its third year's operations now closed, the officers and managers are constrained to express their gratitude in view of its successful achievement, and the increasing interest awakened throughout the county in its behalf.

"The written Word, which we are laboring to supply to every individual and family, is so manifestly the divinely adapted instrument for human enlightenment and social elevation, that the Christian must rejoice over every apparent awakening to the duty, and privilege of co-operating in its general distribution, whether at home or abroad.

"The contributors, whether of effort, of time, or of money, during the year past, in connection with the Schuylkill County Society, will be gratified to learn that no abatement of material assistance has been experienced, but rather the reverse.

"One thousand six hundred and fifty-seven volumes of Holy Scripture, have been circulated in the county during the year.

"There has been contributed of money, some $768 30, within the same field and time; and of effort on the part of active friends (to say nothing of time which has been freely given), there have been such contributions, in addressing public meetings, in the application of collecting committees, and in the counsels of managers, as can be estimated by no pecuniary standard, nor rightly judged at all 'until the Lord come, who will bring to light,' such hidden services as seek not present publicity, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts of men, so that every one shall have due praise of God. 1 Cor. 4 : 5.

"By reference to the reports it will be seen, that 3344 families have been visited by our last distributer, and about 1000 by his immediate predecessor in the service of this County Society, making together 4344.

"The former, who has been in the employment of the Society about six months, reports:—'I have canvassed the following places, viz., East Brunswick Township, McKrausburg, Ringgold, Union Towuship, Ashland, Mahantongo Valley, Deep Creek Valley, Tamaqua, Tuscarora, Brockville, Patterson, Big Vein Coal Mines, New Philadelphia, Silver Creek, Newcastle, part of Greenburg Valley, Williams Valley, Schuylkill Haven, West Haven, Wayne Township, Pine Grove and Manheim Townships, Tremont, Eckert's and Guilford Furnace, and part of Pottsville.

"'Whereiu, I have visited 2394 of Protestant connection; 748 of Roman Catholic; 202 of no denominational persuasion; amounting in all to 3344 families. Among these I found 529 families destitute of the Bible; sold books amounting in number to 888, and distributed gratis 75; making the whole number of volumes circulated by me 963.'

The Librarian reports, volumes remaining in the Society's depository at the previous anniversary, - - - - - -	215
Number of volumes bought of Pennsylvania Bible Society, -	1478
Total, - - - - - - - - - - -	1693
Distributed during the year, - - - - - - - -	1541
Remaining, February 5th, 1855, - - - - - - -	152

"The 'Tamaqua Female Bible Society,' co-operating in Schuylkill County, reports as having 'met, during the year, with much encouragement'—as having 'received from Pennsylvania Bible Society, 199 volumes; sold 75 volumes; given to the destitute 11; presented to hotels 24; whole number distributed 110.'

"The Report also states that 97 volumes are now in the depository at Tamaqua, and that their receipts for the year amount to $98 48, being $28 more than the previous year. Their Committee visited 397 families, finding but few Protestants not supplied. The Officers of the Tamaqua Society for the ensuing year, are, Mrs. John Carter, President; Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, Mrs. Dr. Hunter, Mrs. G. H. McCabe, Mrs. E. Dubois, Mrs. J. Haughawout, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. F. A. Whitaker, Secretary; Mrs. Richard Carter, Treasurer; Mrs. Samuel Parmley, Librarian; and Mrs. Baily, Mrs. Balliet, Mrs. Wiggan, Mrs. W. Booth, Mrs. T. Booth, and Miss Lattimore, Managers. The Corresponding Secretary of the County Society, attended by invitation their Anniversary Meeting, on the evening of the 15th of January, with the Rev. Mr. Torrence, likewise present, addressing the assembled friends of our common cause, and awakening new interest with expression of determination for united and persevering co-operation. Delegates were appointed to attend the County Anniversary, of whom the Rev. J. A. Stone was personally present.

"A Report of the 'Schuylkill Haven' auxiliary was also presented, reflecting similar credit upon its members, and naming for its officers, the current year, Mrs. Bowman, President; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Keefer, Vice-Presidents; Miss Caroline E. Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Medlar, Treasurer; and Miss Christ, Librarian.

"The Managers are Mrs. E. A. Huntzinger, Mrs. Esther Shanon, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Saylor, Misses Mary Chichester, Louisa Bowen, Sarah Levau, Annie F. Small, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Esther Levan, Mrs. Huntzinger, and Mrs. Nancy Christ.

"The sum of $12 00 has been collected during the year, of which $6 00 was expended for its benefit, $3 00 paid into the treasury of the County Society, and $3 00 left in the treasury. Six volumes of Scripture were distributed, and 32 are now in the depository.

"From the St. Clair auxiliary, though no report is here embodied, $13 70 have been contributed to the funds of the County Society.

"Our Anniversary Meeting, after the reading of the several Reports, was addressed in an eloquent and appropriate manner by the Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, of Philadelphia, whose remarks were based on the celebrated assertion of the philosopher Locke, that 'the Bible is the only book which has God for its author, unmixed truth for its matter, and man's salvation for its object.' The Rev. Mr. Torrence, afterwards addressed the meeting with his usual ability, and the following gentlemen were made life-members of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, by the donation of $120 00, viz.: Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, Mr. Andrew Russel, the President of the meeting, the Rev. Daniel Washburn, and Rev. James Neill. After which the Officers of the preceding year were unanimously re-elected.

"Thus may the friends of the Society bear record that its work has been through another year efficient, persevering, and greatly successful. Let these facts bespeak the continued and extending confidence of an intelligent community, and the willing, or even zealous co-operation of enlightened Christians.

"Officers:—President, Mrs. Catharine Honsil; Vice-President, Mrs. Andrew Russel; Librarian, Mrs. Mary (Safford) Parvin; Treasurer, Miss Mary Gill; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. W. M'Ginnes; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Daniel Washburn, Pottsville.

"Managers,—Mrs. Wm. Pollock, Mrs. D. J. Ridgway, Mrs. E. O. Parry, Mrs. Isaac Beek, Mrs. D. Steek, Mrs. B. Esterly, Mrs. B. W. Cumming, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Thomas Russel, Mrs. E. R. Johnston, Mrs. S. S. C. Washburn, Mrs. W. G. Mennig, Mrs. P. W. Sheaffer, Mrs. J. Bertram, Mrs. Benjamin Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Castle, Mrs. J. M'Cool, Mrs. E. Coueh.

"Rev. Daniel Washburn,
"Cor. Sec. Schuyl. Co. F. Bible Society."

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

This County has done nothing for the Bible cause for several years past. There should be a resupply at once. We hope and expect that the friends of the cause will take hold of the work in this County with spirit, the coming year, and see that the poor and destitute are supplied with the word of God.

TIOGA COUNTY.

"Wellsboro, May 7th, 1855.

"Rev. I. H. Torrence,

"Dear Sir:—Your Circular was received, but too late for a timely answer.

Yet at the request of our President, I herewith forward a short Report of the state of the Tioga County Society.

"Our whole stock of books during the year ending December 11th, 1854, amounted to the sum of $256 12.

Books in Depository at that date, - - - -	$126 02
" Donated, - - - - - - - -	11 00
" Sold, - - - - - - - - -	119 10
	$256 12

"Our Society is out of debt, with a fair stock of books on hand.

"Not having made an exploration of our County for some years, we are somewhat anxious to secure the services of a suitable person for a colporter to supply whatever destitution may exist, which, however, we feel assured is not large. A good many Bibles are sold among us by pedlars, and quite a large portion of our people are supplied by the Methodist Book Concern, through the ministers of that church.

"J. J. Jackson."

UNION COUNTY.

No County Society exists here. The Lewisburg Female Bible Society has been quite active for several years past; but during the past year the Society and the Bible cause have suffered by the death of the Secretary, Miss Maria Geddes, who was always active in the cause of Christ's kingdom; but she has passed away to the better land, to enjoy the glories of the salvation revealed alone in the blessed Bible, which she loved so much to circulate. Who will take her place?

WARREN COUNTY.

A life-member to the Pennsylvania Bible Society has been made the past year, by some few friends of the cause in this county, and a few books purchased. It is the intention of this Society, the present year, to canvass the county again, and supply all families destitute of the Word of God with a copy of the same.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

This Society has given us the past year, $635 55, as a donation, and paid for books, $116 25. They are still collecting, and intend to explore the county the present year.

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON.

This association has sent us a donation of $44, during the year.

CANONSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"CANONSBURG, April 5, 1855.

"REV. MR. AIKIN:—

"Dear Sir:—The annual meeting of the Canonsburg Female Bible Society was held at the house of the Rev. A. B. Brown, and opened with prayer.

"The Treasurer, Mrs. E. Brown, reported that the sum of $35 50 had been contributed the last year.

"It was resolved to appropriate $30, to constitute Mrs. Anna D. Heriot, the former Secretary, a life-member of the Society.

"In consequence of the organization of separate societies in the Seceder and Associate Reformed Churches, in this vicinity, the amount raised by this Society, and the sphere of its operations, are much diminished; although the amount contributed to the parent Society is probably much greater."

WAYNE COUNTY.

WAYNE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Bible Society of Wayne County, was held in Grace (Episcopal) Church, in Honesdale, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, 1855, Hon. John Torrey, President, in the chair.

"The exercises were opened with singing, and with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duane.

"The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

"The Secretary moved that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to nominate officers. Carried.

"The Chair appointed James R. Dickson, Ambrose Wheeler, and Rev. D. C. Olmstead, said Committee.

"The Report of the Executive Committee, which included that of the Sub-Committee on Colportage, was then read by the Secretary, and, on motion of William R. McLaury, Esq., was approved.

"They also report that there have been issued from the Depository, for sale and distribution, for the year ending February 20th, 1855, 377 Bibles, 605 Testaments, 94 Testaments and Psalms, which, with the issues of previous years, gives an aggregate of 2,749 Bibles, and 6476 Testaments (including with these Testaments and Psalms), put into circulation since our organization in 1822.

"There were remaining in the Depository on February 20th, 1855, 246 Bibles, 250 Testaments, 84 Testaments and Psalms, valued at $235 51.

"The subjects to which the attention of the Society was more particularly directed at the last Anniversary, were the supply of Wayne County with the

Holy Scriptures, and the formation of Auxiliaries within our limits. At that meeting it was '*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby instructed to take immediate measures for the supply of the County, and to employ a Colporter or Colporters exclusively for this purpose.' Agreeably to these instructions the Executive Committee met on the 28th of March, and passed the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Rev. Irvin H. Torrence, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society for Eastern Pennsylvania, to make inquiries concerning a Colporter.

"*Resolved*, That Stephen Torrey, Esq., Rev. Nelson Rounds, and Rev. Rich. B. Duane, be appointed a Sub-Committee with power to act in regard to the proposed supply of Wayne County with the Sacred Scriptures.

"The Secretary immediately opened a correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Torrence, and the following Report of the Sub-Committee will show what has been done in the matter.

Report of the Sub-Committee of the Wayne County Bible Society on Colportage: appointed March 28th, 1854.

"The Committee on Colportage respectfully report to the Executive Committee of the Wayne County Bible Society:

"That, agreeably to the instructions received on March 28th, 1854, they proceeded at once to the work assigned to them. By consultation with the Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary for Eastern Pennsylvania, they secured the services of a colporter, at a salary of $1 25 per day and expenses paid. The Rev. S. B. Laycock, the Colporter, entered upon his duties on May 17th. At that time the Committee hoped that he would continue in our employment until the whole county was supplied, which, it was estimated, would require a period of five months. But after Mr. Laycock had labored for one month, his health became impaired, and he was obliged to retire from the field. The following statistics from his report will exhibit the work he accomplished. He explored all of Paupack and Cherry Ridge Townships, and parts of South Canaan and Clinton Townships. He visited 347 families, of which 35 families were found destitute of the Bible. He sold 55 copies of the Bible, 70 Testaments, and 28 Testaments and Psalms. He gave away 15 Bibles to families unable to purchase (of which 5 were Roman Catholics), and 3 Testaments (of which 2 were Roman Catholics). He received $64 for books sold, $2 59½ as donations; and gave away books to the value of $4 50.

"Besides this work Mr. Laycock was instrumental in forming Auxiliaries in Hawley, May 21st, in Prompton, June 9th, and in Waymart, June 11th, 'under encouraging circumstances.'

"Soon after Mr. Laycock retired from the field, the Committee endeavored

to supply his place, as far as was possible. They accordingly employed the Rev. Elias O. Ward, of Bethany, to labor in parts adjacent to his residence, and the Rev. E. Mendenhall, of Salem, to labor in Sterling Township.

"The former gentleman reports that owing to the severity of the winter, and the great depth of the snow upon the roads, he has been unable to complete the explorations of the field assigned to him, in Lebanon and Oregon Townships.

"He has visited 50 families, supplied 2 families with Bibles, and 15 children with Testaments. Sold 1 Bible, and 9 Testaments; gave 1 Bible, 6 Testaments. The families visited, up to the time of his report, were those the best supplied with the means of grace. He will doubtless find a greater amount of destitution among those not yet visited.

"The Rev. E. Mendenhall reports that he has visited 30 families in Sterling Township, found none entirely destitute, though some were but partially supplied; sold 9 Bibles and 14 Testaments; gave away 2 Bibles and 1 Testament.

"He also makes the following statement; 'I am sorry to report that a lecturer, who professes to be a minister of the Gospel, had preceded me in one part of Sterling; and had by good words and fair speeches, succeeded in shaking the confidence of some good people in the fidelity of our version of the Bible. It was declared to be Popish, ungrammatical, false, and, in short, countenancing error and concealing the truth. He also stated that eight orthodox denominations of Christians were now engaged in getting out a new translation. And so plausibly was the thing done that many simple-hearted Christians cheerfully contributed to the fund that was to flood our world with Bibles that should be the means of ushering in the Millennium forthwith. The latter is one of the inducements held out to the contributors.'

"The Committee, therefore, report progress, and ask to be continued.

"On behalf of the Committee,

"Richard B. Duane.

"Honesdale, February 27th, 1855."

"This work, which was begun last year, it is the wish and hope of the Executive Committee to carry on during the present year, and to finish. Our issues during the past twelve months have been larger than for any previous year of the Society's existence. They reach, indeed, to five-sixths of the volumes circulated during the two years before the last, united. Our Depository is more fully supplied than it was a year ago, and there is a larger balance in the Treasury. This last fact, however, is owing to our not having sent any donation to the Pennsylvania Bible Society a year ago. The Executive Committee therefore recommend to the Society to send to the Pennsylvania Bible Society a donation of $100 (of which they recommend $60 to be applied to make Rev. Messrs. E. O. Ward and E.

Mendenhall, Life-Members of the American Bible Society); and to retain the balance for the further prosecution of the work.

"Officers:—President, William R. McLaury; Vice-Presidents, T. H. R. Tracy, Honesdale; E. W. Hamlin, Bethany; Wm. R. Stone, Mount Pleasant; Emmons Eaton, Waymart; R. Lancaster, Sterling; Paul S. Preston, Buckingham. Treasurer, Stephen Torrey; Secretary, Rev. Abel Barker.

"Managers:—Rev. Dr. Rounds, Bethany; Rev. J. Goetz, S. D. Ward, J. M. Brookfield, R. L. Seely, S. B. Costen, F. B. Penniman, Honesdale; Alanson Hollister, Salem; William L. Stewart, Rev. E. W. Stoddard, Hawley; David L. Kennedy, Mount Pleasant; Horace Drake, Ashland.

"Auditors:—Edward O. Hamlin, Curtus Stoddard.

"On motion, the report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and adopted.

"After singing, the meeting was addressed by Rev. T. F. R. Mercein, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of New York city.

"On motion of Rev. Dr. Rounds, the thanks of the Society were voted to Rev. Mr. Mercein, for his interesting and able address.

"On motion of the Secretary, the Treasurer was authorized to transmit $100 to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, $60 of which to constitute Rev. E. O. Ward of Bethany, and Rev. Edwin Mendenhall of Salem, Life-Members.

"On motion of Edward O. Hamlin, the report of the Executive Committee was ordered to be published in the borough papers.

"After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Elias O. Ward of Bethany, and the Society adjourned.

"Richard B. Duane, Secretary.

"February 28th, 1855."

YORK COUNTY.

YORK COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"York, Pa., April 25, 1855.

"Since our last annual report, the York County Bible Society has been pursuing the even tenor of its way: receiving the donations of the liberal, selling and giving away Bibles and Testaments, visiting the poor, supplying the destitute, and paying over its receipts into the Pennsylvania Bible Society. The whole amount sent to the Pennsylvania Bible Society during the past year, in payment of Bibles, &c., has been $555 70. The charge of Bible distribution, and of the collection of funds for the Bible cause, in the Borough of York, has been given over to the Female Bible Society, which is now auxiliary to the York County Society; and of the above-named sum, they have collected, during the last year, $143 70. There have been no auxiliary Bible Societies formed within our county, during the past year. The agent of the Society (Mr. J. B. Holloway) labored successfully for

about two months, during the past year, in the southeastern part of the county. In this time he visited 631 persons, and sold 99 English Bibles, 25 German Bibles, 75 English Testaments, 91 German Testaments, and 23 English and German Testaments,—receiving $145 88 for books sold, and $13 03 in donations; he found 37 families destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and he gave away, in donations, 14 English Bibles, 2 German Bibles, 7 English Testaments, 2 German Testaments, and met but one person who refused to accept a copy of the Word of God as a gift.

"The following named Societies, in the county, are auxiliary to the York County Bible Society:

"York Female Bible Society; Slate Ridge Bible Society; Slateville Bible Society; Chansford Bible Society. A Bible Society has long existed in Hanover, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Society. A Bible Society has also been formed within the year at Wrightsville."

WRIGHTSVILLE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"Twelve months have now elapsed since the formation of this Society. It was organized under exciting circumstances, that had aroused every dormant principle of Americanism and Protestant sympathy,—that had touched and wounded our highest esteem and most sacred love for the Word of God; may we say, our indignation was excited to a holy resentment, at the burning of a copy of the Bible by a foreign Roman priest, in York, only eleven miles distant from our borough—but a few days before the formation of our Society.

"We esteemed this occurrence, independently of many other urgent demands, sufficient to elicit from us, as Protestant Bible lovers, a renewed exertion, *en masse*, to circulate the precious Word of God, without note or comment, throughout the limits of our borough (which contains a population of some fifteen hundred inhabitants); and through the instrumentality of our Society, we believe that we have partly, at least, accomplished our design. We regret, however, to state in our report, that though we have urged the word of God upon all, by every reasonable consideration—offering to bestow it, where there was no inclination or ability to purchase—yet several families have refused to receive this precious boon of life, on even these most gracious terms. Nevertheless, we will not despair, but try it again, God being our helper. We also regret that we have not been able, as yet, to make any remittances to the parent Society; but we hope for better things in the future. The annexed catalogue of statistics will more fully exhibit our proceedings during the year, viz.:

"Number of Bibles sold and donated,	- - - - -	66
" " in families visited,	- - - -	350
" Families destitute of the Bible,	- - -	12
" " refusing to receive the Bible,	- -	7
" Testaments sold and donated,	- - -	171

Amount of money received for Bibles and Testaments,	$54 06
" donations received, - - - - -	28 16
Value of books given to the poor, - - - - -	3 00
Amount for books purchased during the year, - -	87 49
" paid on books purchased during the year, - -	46 39
" of indebtedness for books, as yet, - - -	41 10
To pay which, cash on hand, - - - - - -	35 83
And books on hand, to the amount of, - - - -	27 01½
Leaving in the treasury, - - - - - - -	21 74½

"This report having been adopted, we proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Matthew Kerr, President; J. H. Watkins, Thomas Harris, and Dr. J. A. Wolf, Vice-Presidents; W. W. Welsh, Secretary; Dr. J. A. Wolf, Treasurer; Samuel, M. Smith, Librarian; and fifteen Managers.

"W. W. WELSH, Secretary."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From May, 1854, to May, 1855.

RECEIPTS.

Life-Memberships, Pennsylvania Bible Society and American Bible Society,		$2,010 88
Books sold at Depository, and to the Philadelphia Bible Society, and the Female Bible Society of Philadelphia,		7,337 94
Legacies,		
Mr. C. Houston (less tax),	$941 73	
Mrs. Charlotte W. Tyler (less tax),	95 00	
Mr. Charles Mercier (residuary legacy),	294 36	
		1,331 09
Donation from Female Bible Society, Philadelphia,		1,000 00
Donations and Appropriations,		2,785 57
Auxiliaries and Agents, &c.,		7,813 22
Interest on Loans,		288 51
Real Estate, for Rents,		262 50
Subscriptions towards new buildings,		6,838 20
Premium on Policy,		52 00
Balance from last year,		3,005 32
		$32,725 23

EXPENDITURES.

American Bible Society,	$15,818 63	
Do. do. donations,	2,714 00	
Salaries, travelling expenses, freights, rents, and incidental expenses, &c.,	5,057 09	
New building,	8,955 14	
Taxes on Real Estate,	90 00	
		32,629 86
Balance,		$95 37

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JOHN W. CLAGHORN, Treasurer.

May, 1855.

AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETIES.

NAMES OF AUXILIARIES.	Received for Bibles, &c., the 47th year.	Donations the 47th year.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Adams County.					
Penn. Col. and Theol. Seminary,	. . . .	. $58 00	Prof. M. L. Stoever, . .	L. J. Bell, ...	T. W. L. Dosh.
Gettysburg, Female, ...	$288 00	. . . .	Mrs. Elizabeth Agnew, .	Mrs. Julia Ann Jacobs, . .	Mrs. Susan E. Fahnestock.
Allegheny Bible Society, . .	117 56	. 643 94	Rev. Dr. Jacobus, . . .	W. H. Eaton, ...	William M. Bellon.
Pittsburg, Young Men's, . .	1275 32	. . . .	Prof. James Thompson, .	E. S. Ward, ...	James M. Brown.
Pittsburg, Female, ...	. . . .	. 403 91	Mrs. Denny, ...	Mrs. Dr. M'Laren, . . .	Mrs. A. Phillips.
Armstrong County, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Gen. Robert Orr, . . .	Rev. J. K. Riddle, . . .	Alexander Caldwell.
Hookstown and vicinity, . . .	. . . .	. . . .	Joseph M'Cready, . . .	Rev. S. H. Jeffery.	
Berks County, ...	129 20	. . . .	Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg, .	Hiram Ritter, ...	Hon. William Strong.
Reading, Female.					
Bedford County, ...	. . . .	. . . .	John Mower, Esq., . .	Rev. T. H. Davis, . . .	Geo. Blymire.
Beaver County.					
Blair County.					
Altoona and vicinity, ...	200 00	. . . .	C. Lombaert, ...	Rev. Henry Baker, . . .	Thomas Burchinal.
Hollidaysburg, Female, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Mrs. M. Bowers, . . .	Mrs. T. Banks, ...	Mrs. J. R. Lowrie.
Bradford County, ...	. 35 30	. . . .	Enos Thompkins, . . .	Rev. Julius Foster.	
Troy, ...	. 56 00	. . . .	P. W. Halliday, ...	P. W. Halliday, ...	Seth Payne.
Bucks County, ...	. 76 25	. . . .	Rev. O. A. Halsey, . .	Rev. S. M. Andrews, . .	William Stavely.
Butler County, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Rev. Loyal Young, . .	Wm. Campbell, ...	Samuel G. Purviance.
Cambria County, ...	. 160 00	. . . .	Isaac Evans, ...	Even R. Morgan, ...	D. H. Roberts.
Johnstown and vicinity, . . .	. 98 81	. . . .	Henry Kratzer, ...	W. C. Lewis, ...	W. C. Lewis.
Carbon County, Female, . . .	. 70 56	. . . .	Mrs. C. G. Rockwood, .	Miss Caroline E. Bowman,	Miss M. Young.
Centre County, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Rev. Mr. Linn.		
Bellefonte, Female, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Mrs. John Tonner, . .	Miss N. Harris, ...	Mrs. E. Livingston.
Clinton County, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Hon. George Crawford.		
Lock Haven, Female, ...	. . . .	. . . .	Mrs. Sarah Bailey, . . .	Mrs. Sarah White, . . .	Mrs. Rev. Galey.
Mill Hall, Female, ...	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	Miss Sarah Haslet, . . .	Mrs. Dr. King.
Chester County.					
West Chester, Female, . . .	. 59 85	. . . .	Mrs. A. Lowry, ...	Miss Harriet E. Ingram, .	Mrs. S. Worrall.

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Clarion County,			Rev. James Montgomery,	Thos. Sutton,	H. A. Thompson.
Columbia County.					
Bloomsburg, Female,	$105 28		Miss Harriet Rupert,	Miss Adaline Barton,	Miss Delila Crivling.
Berwick, Female,	28 23		Mrs. Healey,	Mrs. Rev. Newton,	Mrs. Amanda Bowman.
Clearfield County,	202 00		Henry Lorain,	C. Diehl,	G. P. Gulich.
Crawford County,	20 00		David Derrickson,	John Reynolds,	Mr. Baleh.
Cumberland County,			James Hamilton, Esq.,	Samuel Elliott,	G. Keller.
Carlisle, Female,	109 78		Chas. Collins, D.D.,	Mrs. Lydia Baird,	Mrs. Eley.
Shippensburg, Female,	51 00		Mrs. Arabella Wilson,	Mrs. C. O. Harper,	Miss Kozia Irwin.
Dauphin County,	370 50	$30 00	John P. Rutherford,	John F. Mesick, D.D.,	A. K. Fahnestock.
Delaware County,			Pierce Crosby,	George N. Bartram, Esq.,	Joseph H. Hinkson.
Erie County,	113 69	470 00	Rev. Joseph H. Pressley,	George Kellogg,	Rev. R. J. Sibley.
Fayette County,			Hon. N. Ewing,	Dr. A. H. Campbell,	William D. Barclay.
Brownsville, Female,	101 86		Mrs. Ann E. Switzer,	Mrs. Helen Clark,	Mrs. Jane E. Bowman.
Uniontown, Female,			Mrs. Beason,	Mrs. Barry,	Mrs. Ewing.
Dunlop's Creek,		25 04	Mrs. Dr. Wilson.		
Franklin County,			Rev. B. S. Schneck,	Hon. James Black,	James Armstrong.
Chambersburg, Female,	12 75	60 00	Mrs. R. R. Schneck,	Miss L. A. Denny,	Mrs. E. C. Berlin.
Green Castle, Female,	14 20	30 00	Mrs. Julia Culbertson,	Mary L. Emerson,	Mrs. Martha Davidson.
Huntingdon County.					
Alexandria, Female,			Mrs. Maria Porter,	Mrs. Ann Bucher,	Miss Eliza Bucher.
Indiana County,	50 11		Rev. D. Blair,	John Sutton.	
Saltsburg,			William Moore,	Wm. Loughry,	J. B. Robinson.
Jefferson County.					
Juniata County.					
Tuscarora, Female,			Mrs. Sterret,	Mrs. Mary E. Thompson,	Mrs. Jane Wilson.
Lancaster County,	701 80		Rev. N. A. Keyes,		John W. Hubley.
Lawrence County,	110 70		Rev. Wells Bushnell,	John Reynolds,	Cyrus Clark.
Lebanon County.					
Lebanon, Female,	40 00		Mrs. Jonathan Ruthrauff,	Mrs. Jacob B. Weidman,	Miss Emma C. Ruthrauff.
Lehigh County,	195 64		J. P. Barnes,	Benjamin F. Trexler,	Charles Reek.
Luzerne County,	40 00		Hon. J. N. Conyngham,	Andrew T. M'Clintock,	Hon. Ziba Bennet.

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Hazleton, Female,	. . . .	. . . .	H. H. Mears,	A. Pardee.	
Carbondale City,	. . . .	. . . .	Hon. James Archabald,	H. C. Ensign,	William H. Richmond.
Wyoming,	$10 00	$60 00	Wm. Sweetland, Esq.,	Rev. P E. Stevenson,	Daniel Jones.
Pittston,					
Lycoming County,	. . . .	. . . .	Elias S. Lowe,	. . . . .	B. D. Anthony.
Williamsport, Female,	. . . .	. . . .	Mrs. Agnes Hall,	Mrs. Emeline G. Heylman.	
Jersey Shore, Female,	42 04	. . . .	Mrs. Rachel Humes,	Mrs. Annie M'Curdy,	Mrs. H. M. Gearhart.
Mercer County,	25 00	. . . .	F. B. Hubbard,	B. F. Baskin,	Samuel Giebner.
Mifflin County.					
Lewistown, Female,	63 72	70 00	Mrs. E. Stoner,	Mrs. E. Hoffman,	Mrs. M. Benediet.
Monroe County,	. . . .	. . . .	Charles West,	Robert Boys,	George Malvin.
Stroudsburg, Female,	. . . .	. . . .	Miss Anna M. Stokes,	Mrs. Malinda Malvin,	Mrs. Robert Boys.
Montgomery County,	15 77	100 00	Rev. Robert Steele, D.D.,	Adam Slemmer,	Zadock Thomas.
Montour County,	88 07	60 00	Rev. P. Williard,	Eli Wilson,	M. C. Grier.
Danville, Female,	. . . .	. . . .	Mrs. Dr. Magill,	Mrs. Amy Maxwell,	Miss M. Montgomery.
Northampton County,	. . . .	. . . .	Rev. Mr. Gray, D.D.,	. . . . .	Col. Thomas M'Keen.
Northumberland, Female,	18 30	30 00	Mrs. Rebecca Boyd,	. . . . .	Mrs. S. H. B. Smith.
Milton, Female,	50 00	. . . .	Governor Pollock,	Miss Sarah Mackey,	Mrs. A. Hepburn.
Sunbury, Female,	270 00	. . . .	Mrs. Sarah Goben,	Rev. P. Born,	Miss Jane Finney.
Warrior Run, Female,	. . . .	. . . .	Wm. Fulkerson,	. . . . .	Miss Mary Armstrong.
Perry County,	. . . .	30 00	James L. Diven,	John Campbell.	
Philadelphia City,	6236 96	967 42	James Bayard, Esq.,	Thomas M'Kellar,	Solomon Shepherd.
Germantown, Female,	23 17	80 00	Mrs. J. S. Henry,	Miss Theodosia Bayard,	Miss Janette M. Campbell.
Manayunk,	22 15	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	J. Dobbins.
Pike County,	. . . .	. . . .	J. H. Wallace,	J. H. Broadhead,	Samuel Thrall.
Schuylkill County, Female,	470 00	120 00	Mrs. Catherine Housel,	Rev. Daniel Washburn,	Miss Mary Gill.
Tamaqua, Female,	44 48	. . . .	Mrs. John Carter,	Mrs. Mary Whitaker,	Mrs. Robert Carter.
Somerset County,	. . . .	. . . .	John L. Snyder,	F. M. Kimmell,	W. P. Shole.
Susquehanna County,	. . . .	. . . .	Hon. William Jessup,	R. J. Nevins,	J. Lyons.
Tioga County,	173 42	. . . .	George M'Leod,	James J. Jackson,	Robert Roy
Union County.					
Lewisburg, Female,	125 00	. . . .	Mrs. Strawbridge,	. . . . .	Mrs. Hood.

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New Berlin, Female,	$4 55		Mrs. Margaret Schlenker,	Miss Mary E. Merrill,	Miss Miller.
Mifflinburg, Female,			Mrs. Maria Bell,	Mrs. Mary Piper,	Mrs. Jane Ruby.
Venango County.					
Warren County,	3 48	$30 00	Richard Alder,		A. Tanner.
Washington County,	116 95	635 55		Rev. A. P. Alrich, D.D.,	Joseph Henderson.
Washington, Female,		44 00	Mrs. M'Kennan,	Miss Sarah Diggs,	Mrs. E. R. Henderson.
Canonsburg, Female,	2 25	30 00	Mrs. M. B. Smith,		Mrs. Walker.
Westmoreland County,		85 00		William A. Cook,	Jacob Welty.
Wayne County,	485 00		Wm. R. M'Laury,	Rev. Abbe Barker,	Stephen Torrey.
Wyoming County,			Ira Avery,	Samuel Stark, Jr.,	P. M. Osterhout.
York County,	432 70		Samuel Small,	Rev. D. H. Emerson,	Rev. S. Oswald.
Hanover.					
Wrightsville,	45 26		Matthew Kerr,	Rev. W. W. Welsh,	Dr. J. A. Wolf.
Rock Creek, Tenn.,		90 00		Rev. Robt. J. Hall.	

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Benjamin Rush Bradford,	$30 00
Miss Harriet N. Porterfield,	1 10
Robert Callan, Park Run Church,	1 00
David Skillen, " " "	1 00
Methodist Episcopal Church, and others, Smithfield,	20 12
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg,	30 00
Neshanaeh Presbyterian Church,	36 19
Clarkesville " "	42 00
Rev. J. J. Aikin,	30 00
Sabbath School of Hookstown Presbyterian Church, in part to make Rev. S. H. Jeffery, Life-Member,	20 00
John Gilmore,	1 00
Aston Ridge Female Seminary, to complete Life-Membership of Rev. Henry Huntington,	15 00
Legaey of C. Houston, reeeived of John Famine, one of his Exeeutors,	941 73
John Brewster, of Shirleysburg, donation,	50 00
Legaey of Mrs. Charlotte W. Tyler, reeeived of Samuel Hepburn, Esq., $100, less collateral inheritance tax, $5 00,	95 00
Interest of Loan,	85 50
Tunkhanoek Presbyterian Church, by Rev. C. R. Lane,	2 00
Sundry Collections in Wyoming Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church,	129 14
Benevolent Fund of the New London Presbyterian Church,	10 00
Rev. S. Higgins, from our Little Minnie's purse,	5 18
Blaekwood Sabbath School, Parish of Rapiel,	2 50
Tredyfin Presbyterian Church, to make Rev. William R. Bingham, Life-Member,	13 00
Charles Mereier's Estate, reeeived of Mr. Burkart, being our proportion of residuary legaey,	294 36
Rev. Elias O. Ward, return for Books granted,	10 00

Milestown Circuit, in part to make Rev. S. Townsend, Life-Member,	$20	00
Rev. R. M. Greenbank, D.D., to make Miss Mary Gastou, Life-Member,	30	00
Male Missionary Society of Grace Church, to make Alexander Carver and Franklin Fell, Life-Members,	60	00
Rev. J. L. Rogers, Mount Joy Presbyterian Church,	10	00
From a Friend,	5	00
Lower Tusearora Presbyterian Church, by Mrs. Wilson,	20	00
Collected at Ephrata Mountain Springs, Lancaster Co., to supply the House with Bibles, by I. H. Torrence,	26	65
Methodist Episcopal Church, Gettysburg,	2	00
Methodist Episcopal Church, Chester Circuit, in part to make Rev. W. H. Brisbane, Life-Member,	11	60
Methodist Episcopal Churches within the bounds of that part of Conference lying in Pennsylvania,	345	70
Signum Anonymous,	5	00

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